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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, January 1, 2017 — The 8th Day of Christmas / Epiphany Sunday / New Year's Day

Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 96
Matthew 2:1-23
Sermon: *Now Everybody Knows*
Liturgist: Joan Ferrier



Sunday, January 8 — Baptism of the Lord The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-38, 42-43;
Matthew 3:13-17
Sermon: *Newly-Opened Eyes*
Music: Haviland Choir - *One King*

Dear Friends,

*God, did you decide to become human only because the human race
had gone so badly wrong? Was the birth of Christ, as it were, Plan B?*

*Or was it Plan A? Did you always plan to come, whatever happened?
Would you have come to a good world
where most of the time we loved our neighbors and kept your laws?*

*Or did you come because our world is full of violence and despair
and only you can make it right?*

*God, our wondering is not disrespect
but a way of saying "Wow" and "Thank you!"
because the true wonder is, the wonderful truth is, that you did come,*

and that your Word became flesh, and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

*No one has ever seen you,
but your offspring, your child, your Chosen one,
the One who is closest to your heart
has made you known.
We thank you. We praise you. We love you. We adore you.
And with your help, we will follow you.*

~~ Brian Wren
Shared at Morning Prayer on Christmas Day

May the Blessings of Christmastide be with you all!
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Denny Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Ariel (*Dollie Millikin's relative*), Paul Bailey, Eddie Broome (*Sally Collins' brother-in-law*), Sandy Byers (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Phyllis Denton, Helen Dorff (*Lucy Works' friend*), Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Nova Eichler, Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Berneda Fitch, Pat Garick, Dwight Guthrie (*Meta Cramer's cousin*), Richard Hack (*Kathie Baker's nephew*), Charles Hamilton (*Rich and Pat Eichler's nephew*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Sue Kyser, Hannah Lanza-Roth (*granddaughter of Cheryl and Gary Kekel*), Brenda Lipp, Ricki Looser (*Jan Jones' friend*), Russell Loudon, Larry Lozier, Anne Lutz (*Jan Jones' friend*), John Martsolf, Don Palmer (*Rich Eichler's uncle*), Gary Prior (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), John (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Clarence and Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's parents*), Charity Ricciardi (*Carol Ricciardi's daughter-in-law*), Gary Richards, Dale Riley (*Stated Clerk of Eastminster Presbytery*), Ally Ripley, Marie Robinson (*Kim Double's mother*), Steve Rozeski (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Leroy Sanor (*Beverly Mosher's neighbor*), Gene Shafer, Tom Shafer and Carol Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's husband, mother*), Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's daughter*), Jerry Toot (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Ronald White, Anna Williams (*John Barnett's friend's mother*), Lauren Work (*Paul and Fredda Work's daughter-in-law*), Ruth Wright (*Ann Sandrock's friend*), Kristina Yonker (*Barbara Yonker's daughter-in-law*)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: MaryLou Timmins
Birchaven Village: Jean Leimbach, 124; 15100 Birchaven Ln, Findlay OH 45840
Brookdale Salem: Pat Butler, 305; Dorothy Gibson, 303
Brookdale Austintown: Henry and Dottie Zimmerman; 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd 44515
Courtyard: Janice Olmstead, 301

Envelope Income received December 4	\$ 6,450.00
Envelope Income received December 11	\$ 9,465.50
Envelope Income received December 18	\$ 3,724.00
Envelope Income received December 24	\$ 3,009.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2016	\$ 8,745.84
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 2,074.00
Per Capita (\$32.15 per Active Member)	\$ 2,121.40

Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251
Inn at Ironwood: Norman and Jeanne Smith, 106; 6699 Ironwood Blvd, Canfield OH 44406
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221; Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Lake Vista at Cortland: Margaret Sheets, Apt 105; 303 North Mecca St, Cortland OH 44410
Village at Westerville: Bruno and Kay Stanga; 215 Huber Village Blvd, C100, Westerville OH 43081
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601
Whispering Pines: Rolin Herron, 126; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Lois Dunn and the family on the death of her uncle, Leland Faloon; and to Susan Smith and the family on the death of her step-mother, Mary Smith.

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Year End Giving

All contributions received in the Church Office by Noon on Friday, December 30, 2016, will be credited to 2016 giving. Contributions received on or after Monday, January 3, 2017, will be credited to 2017 giving. The only exceptions are contributions mailed to the church and post-marked on or before December 31, 2016.

DAYTIMERS

Wednesday, January 4
 12 Noon
 Fellowship Hall
 Program:
Habitat Trip to El Salvador
 Mickey Buck

Presbyterian Women's Association

We need to update the Presbyterian Women's Circle booklet. Please give Phyllis an updated list of your circle members after the first of the year so booklets can be made for 2017. Thanks,
 Jenny Wilms, Convener

~ Christmas Cards ~

Hope happiness decorates your holidays and brightens your new year.
 ~ Love, Dolores Kynett

Christmas greetings! I still work in the same parish ~ and love it. Busy now with Christmas preparations. My parents and I went to Italy in June ~ and that was fun for all of us! A blessed Christmas to you and the best in 2017! Send my love to friends in Salem!

~ Anne Pettersen from Oslo, Norway
 (First Church's Ecumenical Visitor, 1987)

Dear Friends,
 May your heart rejoice in the spirit of Christmas. God bless you in the new year!
 ~ Love, Lynn and Tim Shetzer

- **Flower and Bulletin Donors** are needed for 2017. Vases are \$10 each and Bulletins are \$15 a Sunday. Please call to confirm standing orders.
- **Offering Envelopes for 2017** are available on the stage in Fellowship Hall. If you have not had envelopes, but would like a box, please call the Church Office.
- **Annual Reports** are due in the Church Office on Wednesday, January 4.
- **Per Capita Apportionment** for 2017 is \$32 per Active Member.
- **Calendars for 2017**, compliments of Stark Memorial Funeral Home, are at Sanctuary entrances and outside the Church Office.
- **Ushers** are needed for Sunday Worship. Please call Ruth Newman if interested.
- **Worship Services** can be seen on *You Tube*, by typing FPCSALEM in the search box.

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio, meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2016...

- Approved the recommendations of the Christian Education Committee that Youth Sunday and the "Spring Fling" be held on April 9, 2017 (Palm Sunday).
- Approved a schedule for serving the Lord's Supper in 2017; the next communion service will be on January 8.
- Was reminded that the annual "Valentine Potluck" dinner will take place after worship on Sunday, February 12.
- Heard updates from all committees.
- Heard a report from Elder Commissioner Lauren Arnold about the December 6 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery, at which the Rev. Cathy Ulrich was elected as the new General Presbyter/Stated Clerk starting in February 2017.
- Agreed to host the meeting of Eastminster Presbytery scheduled for June 6, 2017.
- Heard from Ruling Elder Bob Merry about desirable upgrades to the television/internet ministry equipment so that more people can better watch our worship services.
- Elected Alice Jackson as Clerk of Session for 2017.
- Thanked those Ruling Elders whose terms of service end in January: Amy McDevitt Cannon, Rebecca Hively, Bob Merry, Carol Ricciardi, and Marilyn Ward.

Youth News

Sunday School: 9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Teachers - Kim Double, Julie Mackall, Cara Stephens

Pres-Bees Youth Club: 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays
Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 / Choir, Lesson, Craft, Dinner

January 4 Regular Gathering
January 11 Regular Gathering

LOGOS: LOGOS at 5:00 p.m. / Youth in Grades 6-12
LOGOS Bell Choir at 4:15 in Room 200.

January 1 *Happy New Year!*
January 8 Regular Gathering
January 15 Regular Gathering



In February, Mickey Buck will be traveling to Honolulu, Hawaii to participate in a **Habitat for Humanity Global Village Build**. Mickey is paying for her own flight, but can accept donations to cover lodging, transportation and meals in Hawaii. In addition, a portion of the money raised will go toward the building of the Habitat home.

Homelessness in Hawaii remains a reality for a considerable number of individuals and families. The number of homeless has been increasing at a rate of 6% per year. The median house price in parts of Hawaii is \$275,000, which is not affordable to most of the local workforce. In the most rural areas, almost 20% of the dwellings listed by the Community Development Corporation consist of tents, yurts, lava tubes, and cargo containers.

You can donate directly to Mickey, or you can donate through the Church and your gift will be properly channeled to her. A gift of whatever size will let Mickey know that her church family is "with her" on this very worthwhile adventure.

Per Capita is an assessment paid to General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery for each member of the congregation. Per Capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better elders and ministers. It is how Presbyterians discern God's call in their lives. The Per Capita Apportionment due for the year 2017 for First Presbyterian Church in Salem is based upon reported active membership at the end of the year 2015, which was 311. The amount for each active member is \$32.00.

January 2017

Birthdays

Karl Wright (4), Sally Mason (7), Jan Bethel (9),
Curt Mosher (13), Terry Rufer (28)



- 1 / Sun 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)
- 2 / Mon **Church Office Closed**
- 3 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 4 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) -
Habitat Trip, El Salvador - Mickey Buck
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 5 / 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)
- 7 / Sat 2:00-4:00 Birthday Party (FH)
(Tenley Jackson)
- 8 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Newly Elected Officer Training (107)
9:15-10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship -
Sacrament of Lord's Supper
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
5:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 9 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
6:45 Board of Deacons (107)
7:30 Congregational Care (110)
- 10 / Tues **8:30 am Investment Committee (107)**
- 11 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)



- 12 / Thurs **7:00 Finance/Administration (107)**
- 14 / Sat 12:00-1:30 Salem Community Pantry
"After Christmas" Party (FH)
- 15 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Newly Elected Officer Training (107)
9:15-10:00 Sunday School
9:45 Special Session Meeting (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship -
Ordination and Installation of Officers
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
5:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 18 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 22 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15-10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
5:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 23 / Mon 12:30 Church Women United -
Luncheon and Meeting (FH)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 25 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 26 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)**
- 28 / Sat 9:00 Making 'Soup-to-Go' (K)
Contact Barbara Yonker to help
- 29 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15-10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship followed by
Annual Congregational Meeting (S) and
Soup to Go (K)



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 – 1 am
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.](#)