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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 3 — Epiphany Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6
Matthew 2:1-12
Matthew 2:13-23



Sermon: *Promise, Peril, Presence*
Liturgist: Brad Stephens
Music: Haviland Choir

Sunday, January 10 — Baptism of the Lord - The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-21;
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon: *What Money Can't Buy*
Liturgist: Rebecca Hively
Music: Haviland Choir



Dear Friends,

I hope that all of you had a joyful Christmas Day and are continuing to rejoice in the gift of God's Word-made-flesh during these Twelve Days of Christmas.

Please note a couple of highlights from our Session meeting summary found elsewhere in this newsletter:

- You are encouraged to submit news of our children, youth, *and adults* for recognition in *The Messenger*. While we clip and post the newspaper articles *that we see*, we cannot keep up with everybody's accomplishments. *Please* inform the Church Office so that your church family can rejoice with you.
- The Session will underwrite the cost of anyone from the congregation wishing to participate in the Officers' Training Event being offered by Eastminster Presbytery on January 23; registrations can be made through our Church Office and will be due by January 20 (*no exceptions*). Please consider attending this gathering of deacons and ruling elders from all over Eastminster Presbytery. A "Presbytery Potluck" will follow the meeting. The Event is in Sebring, so distance is not a deterrent!

From a New Year's Blessing from Patmos Abbey:

Lord, we ask Your blessing this New Year's Day upon Your gift to us of time. Bless our clocks and watches: may they make us aware of the miracle of each second of life we experience. ... Bless our calendars: may these servants, our calendars, once reserved for the royal few, for magi and pyramid priests, now grace our homes and our lives. May they remind us of birthdays and other gift-days, as they teach us the secret that all life is meant for celebration and contemplation. Bless, Lord, this new year, each of its 366 days and nights. ... Grant to us, Lord, the new year's gift of a year of love. Amen.

And Amen!

~~ Meta

Prayer Concerns

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, Sandi Flake (*Mark Flake's wife*), 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*), Russell Loudon, Casey Martinez (*Colleen Chappell's niece*), Frank Maticcik (*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

Auburn: MaryLou Timmins
Birchaven Village: Jean Leimbach, 129; 15100 Birchaven Ln, Findlay OH 45840
Blossom: Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's mother*)
Brookdale Salem: Pat Butler, 502; Dorothy Gibson, 303
Brookdale Austintown: Henry and Dottie Zimmerman; 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd 44515
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

Envelope Income received December 6, 2015	\$ 9,431.00
Envelope Income received December 13, 2015	\$ 3,853.48
Envelope Income received December 20, 2015	\$ 8,389.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2015	\$ 3,836.86
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 1,818.00
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 2,670.00

Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601
Whispering Pines: Rolin Herron, 146; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Military

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



The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Rebecca Hively and the family on the death of her mother, Betty Gosney; and to James and Nancy McCorkhill and the family on the death of James' brother, Martin Scott McCorkhill Jr.



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.



Year End Giving

All contributions received in the Church Office by Noon on Thursday, December 31, 2015, will be credited to 2015 giving. Contributions received on or after Friday, January 1, 2016, will be credited to 2016 giving. The only exceptions are contributions mailed to the church and postmarked on or before December 31, 2015.

- **Annual Reports for 2015** are due in the Church Office on Monday, January 4.
- **Calendars for 2016**, compliments of Stark Memorial Funeral Home, are at Sanctuary entrances and outside the Church Office.
- **Flower and Bulletin Donors** are needed for 2016. Vases are \$10 each and Bulletins are \$15 a Sunday. Please call to confirm standing orders.
- **Offering Envelopes for 2016** are in Fellowship Hall. If you have not had envelopes, but would like a box, please call the Church Office.
- **Per Capita Apportionment** for 2016 is \$32.15 per Active Member.

Corrections!

The Acolyte for the 7:30 service on Christmas Eve was Tim Stephens.
Bulletins for Sunday, December 27 were donated by Sam and Judy Sicilia in memory of Margaret Collins Bigham.

Your Session at Work

*The Session of First Presbyterian Church,
meeting on December 17, 2015 . . .*

- Approved CPR training for LOGOS Youth on January 10
- Transferred escrowed funds from the "JBM Fund-raisers" line item to the "Senior High Trip" line item given that the JBM Camp is for sale
- Agreed to encourage parents and others to submit "Youth (and Other Members!) in the News" so that we may recognize achievements in *The Messenger*
- Heard that a coordinator is needed for the Valentine Potluck scheduled for February 21 immediately after morning worship
- Decided to underwrite the cost of anyone from the congregation wishing to participate in the Officers' Training program being offered by Eastminster Presbytery on January 23; registrations can be made through our Church Office and will be due by January 20 (*no exceptions*)
- Received with gratitude a distribution of \$25,000 made by the Board of the Century House for the purpose of providing services to seniors and the elderly in our 44460 zip code area. A Temporary Restricted Fund has been established, and guidelines for its use will be determined in the new year
- Heard that there is a \$16,000 deficit in the General Fund balance at the end of November, with hopes for sufficient contributions in December to alleviate the shortfall
- Donated \$500 to support Judi and Lee Bender's visit to the Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon with other travelers from Eastminster Presbytery, and also donated \$500 toward Eastminster's gift to the Synod
- Acted to remove from the Active Roll the names of 5 people known to have joined other congregations
- Transferred 17 persons from the Active Roll to "Friends of the Church" status after no less than two years of non-attendance and non-activity
- Thanked Ruling Elders Wavelene Arnold, Michael Karmazin, Debbie McCulloch, and Sis Winch as they finish their terms of service
- Engaged in prayers of intercession for members and friends of this congregation

Youth News

Sunday School:

Teachers: Kim Double, Julie Mackall, Cara Stephens
9:15 a.m. - Classes start at 9:30 a.m.

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

January 6	Regular Gathering - Pizza and Carrot Sticks
January 13	Regular Gathering - Chicken Nuggets, Applesauce, Corn
January 20	Regular Gathering - Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad
January 24	Cherub Choir sings during Worship
January 27	Regular Gathering Soft Tacos, Nachos/Salsa, Apples

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

January 3	No Gathering
January 10	CPR Training
January 17	Regular Gathering
January 24	Regular Gathering
January 31	Basketball: Kids vs Parents

DAYTIMERS

Wednesday, January 6
12 Noon
Fellowship Hall



Program:
Cathedrals of England
Rev. Meta Cramer



SOUP TO GO

Sunday, January 24
Following Worship

~ Broccoli and Cheese ~
Wavelene Arnold, Leader

\$5.00 / Quart

Remember to return
glass jars and lids
so they can be used again.

Eastminster Presbytery

Officer Training

Saturday, January 23, 2016
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sebring Presbyterian Church - 525 North 16th St
Session approved underwriting the cost of anyone from
the congregation wishing to participate.

Registrations can be made through the Church Office
and will be due by Wednesday, January 20 (*no exceptions*).
(See Insert included in this newsletter.)

December

Happy Birthday!
Juanita Latham (29)

29 / Tues 2:30-9:00 Photo Session for Directory (Church Library)



31 / Thurs Church Office Closes at Noon

January

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

1 / Fri

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

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) -
Cathedrals of England - 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)

8 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)

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 (FH) - CPR Training
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)

13 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

14 / Thurs 7:00 Finance and Administration (107)

17 / 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 Lord's Day Worship
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
5:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

20 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

21 / Thurs 7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)

22 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)

24 / 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 Lord's Day Worship
11:30 'Soup-to-Go' - *Broccoli and Cheese*
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
5:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



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.