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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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January 4, 2015 — Epiphany Sunday / The Second Sunday after Christmas

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12;
Matthew 2:13-23
Sermon: "The Other Christmas Story"
Liturgist: Cheryl Kekel
Music: Haviland Choir



January 11 — Baptism of the Lord The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5
Isaiah 55:1, 6-11
Mark 1:4-11
Sermon: "The Wind on the Water"
Music: Haviland Choir



Dear Friends,

I always worry about repeating myself in these messages. So I checked, and it's been seven years since I shared the following greeting said to have been written by "Fra Giovanni" on Christmas Eve in the year 1513. I hope it's not too soon to share these lovely words once again. It is my prayer for each of us in the New Year that we see and grasp the "Angel's hand":

There is nothing I can give you, which you have not got; but there is much, very much that, while I cannot give it, you can take.

No Heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in it to-day. Take Heaven!

No Peace lies in the future which is not hidden in this present little instant. Take Peace! The gloom of the world is but a shadow; behind it, yet within our reach, is joy....

Life is so generous a giver; but we, judging its gifts by their coverings, cast them away as ugly, or heavy or hard. Remove the covering and you will find beneath it a living splendor, woven of love, by wisdom, with power. Welcome it, grasp it, and you touch the Angel's hand that brings it to you. Everything we call a trial, a sorrow or a duty; believe me that Angel's hand is there; the gift is there, and the wonder of an overshadowing presence. Our joys, too; be not content with them as joys; they too conceal divine gifts. Life is so full of meaning and of purpose, so full of beauty beneath its covering, that you will find that earth but cloaks your heaven. Courage then, to claim it, that is all! The courage you have, and the knowledge that we are pilgrims together, wending through unknown countries, home. And so, at this Christmas time, I greet you...

May courage and joy be yours, always.

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Darla Allen (*Kevin Chumney's sister*), Marianne Barr (*Debbie Blair's mother*), Eddie Broome (*Sally Collins' brother-in-law*), 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, Darby Jeffries, Hayden Johnson, Bill Jones, Gary Kekel, Sue Kyser, Jim Laughlin, Jean Leimbach (*15100 Birchaven Ln Apt 129, Findlay OH 45840-7766*), Ben Miller (*Lauren Arnold's friend*), Pat Milligan, 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, Lorin Shepard, 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
Envelope Income received December 14	\$ 7,192.00
Envelope Income received December 21	\$ 4,278.00
General Fund Balance, October 31, 2014	(\$24,964.48)
November Revenues	\$53,474.84
November Transfers in	\$ 1,883.33
November Expenses	(\$23,033.13)
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2014	\$ 7,360.56
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 1,794.00
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 2,912.00

Military

FENNEMA, JOHN T. SGT
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HARP, ALEX LCPL
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John and Joetta Tonti's grandson

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Mary Lepping and the family on the death of her husband, Jerry Lepping.

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

Thank You

We want to thank you for your most generous donation to the Tobin Chaplaincy Ministry. Also, wishing you a Blessed Christmas and Many Blessings for the New Year!

John and Daryl Hersh, Chaplains

Our thanks for the lovely flowers from worship for our 60th Anniversary delivered by Andrew Skiba.

George and Roberta Bell

Dear Phyllis!

Warm greetings to you this Christmas! Hope you are well! I turned 60 this fall — incredible. Long time since my fall in Salem, but the memories are still with me! You were all so good to me. I learned so much and had a wonderful time! I've had a good and busy year — 10 years in this parish now and I love it. Good people. My parents are well — 80 and 85 years now. I'll spend Christmas with them and family. All the best for 2015 for you and your family, and a blessed Christmas!

Love,
Anne Petterson

P.S. Greetings to Barbara Marra and other friends!

“Soup to Go”

Soup is made the 4th Saturday of the month and sold for \$5 a quart from 11:30-12:30 the next day following worship. **Our soup for January 25 will be Vegetable with Roy Hively as leader.** Other dates are February 22 (Turkey) with Jan Bethel as leader, and March 22 (Corn Chowder) with Wavelene Arnold as leader. *Please return your “Soup to Go” glass jars and lids to the church kitchen so they can be used again. There is a box on the counter marked “Soup to Go”.*



Your Session at Work

*The Session of First Presbyterian Church,
meeting on December 18, 2014...*

- Was reminded that we are in the midst of collecting the Christmas Joy Offering, which offers emergency grants to church workers and supports educational opportunities.
- Approved a recommendation to allow the Carroll-Columbiana-Harrison Solid Waste District to place a recycling bin on the concrete pad next to our garage.
- Heard that the Presbyterian Women’s basket auction on December raised \$1175 for local mission projects.
- Was reminded that Boy Scout Troop 3 was sponsoring an Organ Awareness event on Friday, December 19.
- Thanked Ruling Elders Paul Fennema, Bill Rousseau, Jeremy Mackall, Kevin Chumney, Ken Double, and Mark Flake for their terms of service on the Session, with the reminder that their terms of office do not expire until the installation of their successors.
- Discussed possible future funding options for the First Presbyterian Preschool.
- Discussed issues related to the Congregational Meeting held on December 7.
- Set the following dates: January 8 — Committee Night; January 22 — Session meeting; January 25 — Annual Congregational Meeting following worship.
- Elected Alice Jackson as the Clerk of Session for 2015.

Youth News

Sunday School:

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

Pres-Bees Youth Club:

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

December 31	No Gathering
January 7	Regular Gathering Pizza & Carrot sticks Soft tacos, Nachos/salsa, and Apples
January 14	Regular Gathering Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Corn
January 18	Cherub Choir sings during Worship
January 21	Regular Gathering Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, and Salad
January 28	Regular Gathering Soft tacos, Nachos/salsa, and Apples

LOGOS:

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

January 4	Regular Gathering
January 11	Regular Gathering
January 18	Regular Gathering
January 25	Regular Gathering

Recycling Interest Group will meet in the Library immediately following Worship Sunday, January 4. All interested people are welcome.



WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THAT CHRISTMAS STUFF?

1. If you still have some Christmas wrappings around, you can put them in with your other recyclables.
2. Remember to also recycle the gift boxes and cardboard boxes.
3. Christmas cards? Art teachers, classroom teachers, and preschool teachers might love to have them. Check with them to see if they can use them. If not, recycle them with your other recyclables.
4. **LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES:** Be sure to take yours to Waterworth Park.

Recycling Baskets for Bulletins are at Sanctuary entrances.

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

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)
11:30 Recycling Interest Group in the Library
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

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) - Program:
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 Committee Night: Christian Education (106), Mission I & S (FH), Property and Maintenance (107), Worship, Music, and the Arts (109)

11 / Sun

9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Officer Training in the Library
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Communion*
4:30 LOGOS (107) - *Game Night with Lutheran Church*
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)

18 / Sun

9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Officer Training in the Library
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
9:30 Special Session Meeting in Library
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Cherub Choir*
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

19 / Mon

No Preschool

20 / Tues

6:00 April Circle (Annabell's Restaurant)

21 / Weds

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

22 / Thurs

7:00 Session (107)

23 / Fri

Preschool Vision Screening (110)

24 / Fri

9:00 Making Vegetable Soup for
"Soup to Go" (K)

25 / Sun

9:00 Adult Bible Study
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) *followed by Annual Congregational Meeting*
11:30-12:30 "Soup to Go" - *Vegetable*
11:30 Noodles & Doodles LOGOS Fundraiser
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



26 / Mon

6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

28 / Weds

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



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 — 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