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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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## February 15 — The Transfiguration of the Lord The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Scripture: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Psalm 27:4-6  
Mark 9:2-9

Sermon: *At the Summit*

Liturgist: Judy Herron

Music: Haviland Choir and  
LOGOS Bell Choir



February 18  
Services at 12 Noon  
and 6:15 p.m.

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-4a  
Romans 14:7-9

Homily: *Reporting for  
Spring Training*

## February 22 — The First Sunday in Lent



Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:10-19  
1 Thessalonians 3:1-5  
Mark 1:9-13

Sermon: *Lead Us Not into  
Temptation*

Liturgist: Ken Double

Music: Cherub Choir and  
Haviland Choir

Dear Friends,

The Season of Lent will begin on Wednesday, February 18. This season of 40 days (*not counting Sundays*) is our “countdown” to Easter morning. Whereas “countdowns to Christmas” were everywhere we looked, Lent belongs only to the church. This isn’t a season devoted primarily to decorating or cooking or buying gifts for Easter (though we may do all those things). Lent is a time to ponder the affirmation that “In life or in death we belong to God.”

Lent is popularly viewed as a time for “giving something up,” even though most Presbyterians don’t do that. The *purpose* of “giving up” certain foods or pastimes is to help us focus on what it means to belong to Jesus. When we baptize, we say that the newly-baptized one is “marked as Christ’s own, forever.” The wisdom of Lent is that, every year, we consider what that means.

This year, we will be focusing on the practice of prayer on Sunday mornings. I would also like to offer some mid-week times of study and conversation during the weeks of Lent. It is very difficult to find one night each week when our church calendar is clear. Tuesdays seem like the best evening, BUT we already have at least two events that would make an every-Tuesday time impossible. Therefore, I’m proposing the following times:

Tuesday, March 3

Tuesday, March 17

Tuesday, March 24

Sometimes we have shared a simple meal along with these times of study. *If you are interested in this Lenten series, and particularly if you are interested in helping to prepare a simple supper, please let me know as soon as possible.*

Blessings,  
Meta

## Prayer Concerns

Darla Allen (Kevin Chumney's sister), Marianne Barr (Debbie Blair's mother), Eddie Broome (Sally Collins' brother-in-law), Darby Jeffries Colian, Audrey Crawford (Linda Crawford's sister in law), Matthew Drake (Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law), Berneda Fitch, Debbie Goulish (Meta Cramer's friend), 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), Brenda Lipp (recovering from knee surgery), Dolly Millikin, John Peterson (Dawn Peterson's husband), Sam Pridon, Tracy Rees (Penny Judge's daughter), Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Scot and Rory Robertson, Marie Robinson (Kim Double's mother), Dr. Marilyn Roderick (Juanita Latham's daughter), Gene Shafer, Gloria Shafer's stepfather, Lorin Shepard, Julie Smith (Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law), Jana Stile (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: Ibbey Dales, 211  
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059  
Sterling House: Pat Butler; 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

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| Envelope Income received January 4      | \$ 4,450.00 |
| Envelope Income received January 11     | \$ 2,595.00 |
| Envelope Income received January 18     | \$ 3,375.00 |
| Envelope Income received January 25     | \$ 2,150.00 |
| Envelope Income received February 1     | \$ 2,285.00 |
| Envelope Income received February 8     | \$ 7,611.00 |
| <br>                                    |             |
| General Fund Balance, December 31, 2014 | \$24,743.64 |
| <br>                                    |             |
| Valentine Potluck Dessert Auction       | \$ 280.00   |
| Souper Bowl of Caring                   | \$ 311.14   |
| Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)     | \$ 1,924.00 |

## Military

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 John and Joetta Tonti's grandson

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## In Memoriam William W. Jones

United with First Church  
 September 28, 1975

Died  
 January 26, 2015

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord hence forth...that they may rest from their labors for their deeds follow them." Revelation 14:13

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Theresa Jones, Dawn Peterson, and Jim Jones and the family on the death of husband and father, Bill Jones; and to the family of Betty Nicolls.

If you would like your e-mail address listed in the membership directory (no pictures), please call the Church Office or send an e-mail to [phyllis@fpcsalem.org](mailto:phyllis@fpcsalem.org).



## Thank You

Dear Meta, Congregational Care Committee, John Krauss, Staff, parishioners, and other friends, Sunday, February 1 was a very memorable day for me. The overwhelming reception was more than I could have imagined: the cake, the centerpiece, Barb Marra's card, the many cards, the very generous gift of money, the many roses, the vase of flowers, the hand made card from the Sunday School children, the children's portion of the service, and the tribute to me by my students made my day a right one indeed.

As one hymn reads and sings: "God has done marvelous things" — You have done marvelous things for me on Sunday. I will sing praises with a song in my heart.

I am most grateful for this celebration and the opportunity to serve the First Presbyterian Church in Salem as your organist, pianist, and harpsichordist.

God's Blessings,  
 Nancy McNeal

Thank you, friends of the congregation, for all the cards, calls, and visits for my birthday. A special thank you to Andrew Skiba who delivered the flowers and also shoveled my sidewalk.

Mary Frances Breit

The annual meeting of the Salem Community Pantry will be held Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Education building, 251 South Broadway. Everyone in the community is invited to hear the accomplishments of the past year and the plans for the upcoming year.



## COMMUNION

The Worship Committee has scheduled the 2015 dates for Communion at our church. Generally, Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month and on Holy Days by either Intinction (dipping) or serving in the pews. Intinction requires four servers and service in the pews ten.

The Worship Committee is encouraging that we say "The Bread of Life" and "The Cup of Salvation" as each person receives the Bread and Cup. This should be done by the server, and we encourage you to repeat this to your neighbor as the plates are passed in the pew.

The small paper cups in the middle of the bread trays contain Gluten-free bread.

Any ordained Deacon or Elder interested in serving Communion may contact Barbara Yonker.

Barb Yonker, Worship Committee

## "Soup to Go"



**Our soup for February 22 will be Turkey Noodle with Jan Bethel as leader.** Soup is made the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month and sold for \$5 a quart from 11:30-12:30 the next day following worship. *Corn Chowder* will be the soup for March 22 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".*

## Easter Sunday Plants

Daffodils, Hyacinths,  
Lilies, Tulips — \$8.00 each



Order on Sundays,  
March 1, 8, 15, and 22 or  
through Church Office.  
Deadline — Monday, March 23

# 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.

February 11 Regular Gathering — *Valentine Craft Night Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Applesauce*  
February 18 Regular Gathering — *Pizza and Carrots Please join us for a Family Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 6:15 p.m.*  
February 22 Cherub Choir sings in Worship  
February 25 Regular Gathering  
*Chicken Nuggets, French Fries & Corn*

## LOGOS:

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

February 15 LOGOS Bell Choir in Worship  
February 15 Regular Gathering  
February 22 Regular Gathering  
March 1 Regular Gathering  
March 8 St. Vincent DePaul

## RECYCLING NOTES

People continue to ask, "Why Recycle?" The following facts, taken from [Dosomething.org](http://Dosomething.org), offer strong reasons why.

- The average person generates over 4 pounds of trash every day and about 1.5 tons of solid waste per year.
- Americans make more than 200 million tons of garbage each year, enough to fill Busch Stadium from top to bottom twice a day. Over 75% of waste is recyclable, but we only recycle about 30% of it.
- We generate 21.5 million tons of food waste each year. If we composted that food, it would reduce the same amount of greenhouse gas as taking 2 million cars off the road.
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to listen to a full album on your iPod. Recycling 100 cans could light your bedroom for two whole weeks.
- Recycling aluminum cans saves 95% of the energy used to make aluminum cans from new material.
- Americans throw away 25,000,000 plastic bottles every hour.
- In 2009, Americans threw away almost 9 million tons of glass. That could fill enough tractor trailers to stretch from NYC to LA (and back!).
- If every American recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers, we could save about 25 million trees each year.

# February


- 11 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
6:15 Carillon Ringers (S)  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 12 / Thurs 9:00-11:00 Preschool Valentine Party (FH)  
12:00 Preschool Board Meeting (110)  
6:30 A.I.D. Board Meeting (107)  
**7:00 Finance and Administration (110)**
- 13 / Fri 9:00-11:00 Preschool Valentine Party (FH)  
LOGOS Lock In
- 14 / Sat 11:00-3:00 Baby Shower (FH)
- 15 / 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) - *Sacrament of Communion*  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting (B)
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- 16 / Mon No Preschool  
6:30 United Quilt Guild Meeting (107)
- 18 / Weds 12:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club *followed by*  
Family Ash Wednesday Service at 6:15 (S)  
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 19 / Thurs 10:00-12:00 American Red Cross (FH)  
**7:00 Session (107)**
- 20 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)
- 21 / Sat 9:00 Making 'Soup to Go' (K)  
10:00-4:00 Quilt Class (FH)
- 22 / 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) - *Cherub Choir*  
4:30 LOGOS (107)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Race (FH)

- 23 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 24 / Tues 10:00 Eastminster Presbytery C.O.M. (110)  
6:00 April Circle (Jalisco's)  
RSVP Carol Ricciardi
- 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)

# March

## Happy Birthday!

Rolin Herron (8), Marty Hollinger (9), Shirley Devan (14),  
Ellen Tetlow (16), Joe Marra (21), Sam Pridon (21),  
Suzanne Cain (24), Dick Shanker (24), Dick Dougherty

- 1 / 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) - *Sacrament of Communion*  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting (B)
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- 2 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**
- 3 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)  
Lenten Study and Conversations / evening
- 4 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) -  
Program: *Recycling* by Carol Ricciardi  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 5 / Thurs 7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)  
**7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),  
Mission I and S (FH), Property (107),  
Worship, Music, and the Arts (109)**
- 6 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)
- 7 / Sat **Turn Clocks AHEAD 1 Hour**



## 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*