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Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m. Worship

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Wednesday, February 13 — Ash Wednesday — 12 Noon and 7 p.m.

Scripture: Psalm 103:8-18, 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2
Homily: *Not in Vain*

Sunday, February 17 —
The First Sunday in Lent



Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:8b-13,
Luke 4:1-13

Sermon: *On the Tips of Our Tongues*
Music: Praise and Haviland Choirs
Liturgist: Cara Stephens

Sunday, February 24 —
The Second Sunday in Lent



Scripture: Genesis 15:1-18
Ephesians 1:17-23,
Luke 13:31-35

Sermon: *Vision Correction*
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Denise Weingart

Dear Friends,

This week we mark the beginning of the Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday worship. Lent is, as you know, a season of 40 days (not counting Sundays!), reminding us of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness at the beginning of his ministry. Lent is always a time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. In the early Christian Church, Lent was also a time of intensive preparation for baptism on Easter morning.

Virtually all of you who are reading these words are baptized already, and many of you have been baptized for a long time. For us, Lent can be a time of *remembering* our baptism and the identity it gives us. As God's baptized people, we are "sealed by the Holy Spirit, and marked as Christ's own forever."

The *Book of Order* teaches us:

...Baptism signifies the beginning of life in Christ, not its completion. God's grace works steadily, calling us to repentance and newness of life. God's faithfulness needs no renewal. *Human faithfulness to God needs repeated renewal.* Baptism calls for decision at every subsequent stage of life's way....

Lent can be a time for renewing our faithfulness as baptized people. This year, we will meet on Monday evenings in the Chapel/Library for a light supper which will begin at 6:30 p.m. (We already have a couple of volunteers to provide soup for these gatherings, and more are welcome!) After we eat, we will begin (at about 7 p.m.) to look at *Spiritual Practices for Lent and Beyond*. We'll look at some things we might do, some habits we might form, to cooperate with God in strengthening our faith and obedience. There will be time for devotion, teaching, and conversation. We will end these by 8:15.

We are also invited to participate in 12:30 p.m. Lenten Services at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church every Wednesday beginning on February 20.

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Wavelene Arnold, Chris Brown (*UMC Choir Director*), Ken Burrier, Steven Courtwright (*Dolly Millikin's nephew*), Dan and Audrey Crawford (*Linda Crawford's brother & sister in law*), Stella Dominic, Alex Evans (*Lucy Works' friend*), Morgan Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter*), Margaret Gibbs, Yvonne Goll (*Missionary in LA, "Saving Innocence"*), Dustin Gorby (*Mickey Buck's friend*), Ruth Gould, Bud Hayes (*Sue Merry's father*), Jack and Rita Hovis (c/o Krista Fitch, 303 North Union St, Loudonville OH 44842), Hayden Johnson, Bill and Theresa Jones, Gary Kekel, Ron Kyser (*Ken Kyser's brother*), Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (*Phil Tetlow's cousins*), Meredith McCulloch, Ellie Parker, Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Sam Pridon, Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Connie Bowman Rowe (*Helen Hayes' friend*), Ruth and Gene Shafer, Roland and Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's parents*), Kaylin Stafford (*Mary Frances Breit's cousin's grand-daughter*), Roselyn Stephens, Scott Theil (*Ann Theil's son*), Lucy Works, Kristina Cicoria-Yonker (*Barbara Yonker's daughter-in-law*), A Friend of Jen Sarginger

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum
Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B
Clare Bridge of Austintown: Bill Butler (*Pat Butler's husband*); 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd, Austintown OH 44515
Community Care Center: Rosann Butler, 131; PO Box 2720, Alliance OH 44601
Copeland Oaks: Chet Roof, 6-202
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109
Crandall: Marilyn Clark, 185; Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*)
Essex 3: Ibby Dales, 211
Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Parkside Health Care Center: Ann Theil; 930 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408
Shepherd of the Valley: Jo Hendricks; 4100 N River Rd, Warren OH 44484
Sterling House: Dorothy Gibson, 303
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601
Whispering Pines Village: Rolin Herron, 317; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Envelope Income received February 3	\$ 2,930.00
General Fund Balance, December 31, 2012	\$23,208.27
January Revenues	\$18,761.80
January Expenses	\$24,713.18
General Fund Balance, January 31, 2013	\$17,256.89
Per Capita (\$31 / 2013 Goal: \$11,966)	\$ 1,523.00
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 454.38

Military

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 Gloria Shafer's son

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In Memoriam
 Charlotte G. (Pugh) McDevitt

Joined First Church
 May 20, 1993

Died
 January 28, 2013

"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 Brad McDevitt and the family on the death of his mother, Charlotte McDevitt.

Thank You

Thanks for the cards, flowers, and prayers sent my way while in the hospital. Finally home and slowly improving. The older you get, the longer it takes to get back where you were or at least somewhere close. Thanks again.

Ken Burrier

David and I would like to thank our Church Family for the many kindnesses afforded us during my recent surgery and recovery. The lovely flowers from the Haviland Choir along with the prayers, cards, and phone calls are so appreciated and have truly reminded us of God's love and healing grace. I am humbled by such concern. Even though it seems to be taking a long time, I know that each day brings me closer to a full recovery. I look forward to seeing my Church Family. Most sincerely,

Roselyn Stephens



The Annual Report for 2012 and the Membership Directory for 2013 (no pictures) are available at Sanctuary Entrances and outside the Church Office.



Sundays,
February 17, 24, and March 3

Daffodils, Hyacinths,
Lilies, Tulips — \$7.00 ea

Order in Fellowship Hall during Coffee
Hour or in Church Office during week.

OPEN DATES FOR BULLETINS: February 17, 24,
March 3, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28; Cost: \$15 a Sunday
OPEN DATES FOR FLOWERS: February 24, March 3,
10, 17, April 14, 28, May 5; Cost: \$10 a vase

~ Youth News ~

Sunday School

Together Time in Fellowship Hall starting February 17
(40 days of Lent).

Children will be Ushers the month of March

Pres-Bees / Youth thru Grade 5 / Wednesdays, 5-6:45 p.m.

Feb 13 — Regular Gathering with Special
Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m.

Feb 17 — Praise Choir sings during Worship

Feb 20 — Regular Gathering

Feb 27 — Regular Gathering

Backpack Buddies — Peanut Butter Crackers, Granola
Bars, Apples, Oranges, Non Refrigerated Pudding, Jello, and
Fruit Cups, Trail Mixes, Fig Newtons, Raisins, Pretzels, Yo-
gurt Covered Snacks (place in box on stage)

JBM Camp Fundraiser

Candy Bar Sale — \$1.00 each

World's Finest Chocolate — Almond, Crisp, Milk
Chocolate, Caramel, Dark Chocolate Almond

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

Feb 17 — Regular LOGOS; Bell Practice starts

Feb 24 — Regular LOGOS; Bell Practice

Mar 3 — Regular LOGOS; Bell Practice

Mar 10 — Serving meal at St. Vincent DePaul

Mar 17 — Regular LOGOS; Bell Practice

Rummage Sale — Saturday, April 6 and after church on
Sunday, April 7.

Hard Tack Candy — We have a few bags (1 spice, 5
fruit) available for \$2.50 a bag in the Church Office.

Paper Products for St. Vincent DePaul — paper
towels, dish and hand soap, sporks, napkins, paper plates,
toilet paper (place in box on stage)

On Tuesday, February 26 at 9:15 am, we will
have Registration Day at the Preschool when
parents can register their children for the
2013-2014 school year. We truly try to give
all of our Preschool and church families
special courtesy in filling class openings.
Please remember, this can include families
who do not have a child in our classes this
particular year, but may be interested in having their sec-
ond, third or fifth child attend next year. I will be in Fellow-
ship Hall taking registration forms and the registration/
supply fee of \$50.00 for the 2-day and 3-day classes and
\$60.00 for the 5-day class if we have one. If you arrive be-
fore 9:15, please sign in on the clipboard provided and I will
take your child's registration form in the order in which
people have signed in. If you are interested in a 5-day class
for your child next year, please contact me in writing by
February 15 via email (susabell32@aol.com). If I receive 12
written requests for the class by February 15, I will have a
roster available on Registration Day. On Tuesday, April 30,
we will have an Open House from 9:15-11:00, during which
time you can visit the classrooms and pick up the new
handbook and necessary forms for the coming year. I look
forward to a really fun day of seeing old and new Preschool
family members.

Sue Skiba, Director



Our Church History ...

From the Messenger, February 7, 1943

The Religion of Abraham Lincoln

No man in the public life of America had a stronger faith in
the guidance of God and in the ultimate triumph of right
over wrong than our first martyred president. What a no-
table answer that was which he made to a minister who
expressed the hope that the Lord was on the side of the
Union. "I know the Lord is always on the side of right," he
declared, then added with deep feeling, "but God is my wit-
ness that it is my constant anxiety and prayer that both my-
self and this nation should be on the Lord's side". Mr. Lin-
coln believed in prayer. He often knelt before his Maker
and poured out his heart in fervent supplications. To Bishop
Simpson, who called once when the clouds were thickest,
Lincoln said: "Bishop, I feel the need of prayer as never be-
fore. Please pray for me." And the two men then fell on
their knees in prayer to God for strength and guidance. —
Edgar DeWitt Jones, in "The Inner Circle".

From the Messenger, February 17, 1993

The Carpenter's Helpers will meet for pancakes and plan-
ning, syrup and strategizing, sausage and some volunteering
at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Call George Lozier, Don
Greenamyre, or the Church Office if you are planning to
come.

February

13 / Weds

Preschool Valentine Parties (FH) - W/Th/F
9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)
9:45 March Circle (I10)
12:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
5:00 Pres-Bees — *including*
Family Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
7:30 Haviland Choir (S)
7:30 Men's Bible Study (I10)
8:00 Finance Committee (I07)



17 / Sun

9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I10)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) — *Praise Choir*
4:00 LOGOS (I07)
6:00 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby (FH)

18 / Mon

No Preschool
6:30 Light Supper (I07/I09) *followed by*
Spiritual Practices for Lent and Beyond

20 / Weds

5:00 Pres-Bees
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I10)

21 / Thurs

7:00 Session (I07)

22 / Fri

9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (I10)

24 / Sun

9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I10)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
4:00 LOGOS (FH)

25 / Mon

6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
6:30 Light Supper (I07/I09) *followed by*
Spiritual Practices for Lent and Beyond

26 / Tues

9:00-4:00 Quilt Workshop (I07/I09/I10)
9:15 Preschool Registration (FH)

27 / Weds

5:00 Pres-Bees
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I10)

March

Happy Birthday!

Rolin Herron (8), Jim Mohr (10), Shirley Devan (14),
Ellen Tetlow (16), Joe Marra (21), Sam Pridon (21),
Suzanne Cain (24), Dick Shanker (24), Dick Dougherty (26)

3 / Sun

9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I10)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) — *Cherub Choir*
4:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

4 / Mon



6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
6:30 Light Supper (I07/I09) *followed by*
Spiritual Practices for Lent and Beyond

5 / Tues

9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Board of Deacons (I07)

6 / Weds

12:00 Daytimers (FH) - Program TBA
5:00 Pres-Bees
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I10)

7 / Thurs

**7:00 Committees: Christian Ed (I06),
Mission I and S (FH), Property (I07),
Worship (I09)**
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (I10)

8 / Fri

9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (I10)

9 / Sat

Turn Clocks Ahead 1 Hour
Daylight Savings Time begins March 10

10 / Sun

9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I10)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) — *Praise Choir*
LOGOS serving meal at St. Vincent DePaul
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

11 / Mon



6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (I07)
6:30 Light Supper (I07/I09) *followed by*
Spiritual Practices for Lent and Beyond

Salem Community Pantry

Mon., Fri., 9-11:30 a.m. / Tues., 5-7:30 p.m.

**Urgent Needs — canned soup, small jars of
peanut butter, and personal hygiene items.
Place items in box on stage. Thank you!**

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