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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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February 22
12 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Scripture: Psalm 51:1-17
James 1:12-25

Homily: "Getting Clean by
Getting Dirty"

Music: Haviland Choir, 7 pm

A very brief service for Pres-Bees children and their families will begin at approximately 6:25.



February 26
The First Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1

Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: "Oh, Really?"

Music: Haviland Choir

Liturgist: Nichole Santini



March 4
The Second Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Joshua 1:5-9
Psalm 121
Mark 8:31-38

Sermon: "Where Help is Found"

Music: Cherub Choir
Haviland Choir

Liturgist: Denise Weingart

Dear Friends,

Many thanks to the Rev. Ray Banner for leading worship on February 19 while I was in San Antonio, Texas for a meeting of the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission. I also had a heads-up that the Haviland Choir was preparing some very special music, and lots of it. I trust you enjoyed both the message and the music!

Just as I was away for a few days, Phyllis Garlock will be taking the week of February 26 off as vacation time. Our substitute secretary will be Rebecca Boddin, the former Resource Center Coordinator of Eastminster Presbytery. Rebecca brings a wealth of skills and experience in church work.

The season of Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. Lent is traditionally seen as a time when we are very conscious of our spiritual life, especially our life of prayer. Because it is Lent -- and also because we are embarking on our Spiritual Strategic Journey -- I am planning to place special emphasis on the Psalms during this season. (As you may know, I normally follow a "lectionary" of suggested Scripture lessons. I will be reading the suggested Gospel lessons during Lent, but the Old Testament and Psalter lessons will be different.)

Why emphasize the Psalms? The Psalms are hymns; they are prayers; and they teach us how to pray. John Calvin called the Psalms "an anatomy of the human soul." What he meant by that is that any human emotion or any prayer a human would want to offer is found within these 150 prayers that Jesus certainly knew well and would have prayed often.

In the next weeks, we will be praying often -- both because it is Lent and because that is what the Spiritual Strategic Journey asks us to do right now. Hearing the Psalms in worship (and reading them for ourselves) will help us learn to pray with confidence.

Please do plan to remain after worship on February 26 for a simple soup lunch and learn more about the Spiritual Strategic Journey we are taking.

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Community Care Center — Rosann Butler
(138) 200 E State St, Alliance OH 44601

Vibra Hospital — Rev. Jack Austin (206)
8049 South Ave, Boardman OH 44512

Others — Wavelene Arnold, Steven Courtwright (*Dollie Millikin's nephew*), Dan Crawford (*Linda Crawford's brother*), Stella Dominic, Barbara Double (*Ken Double's mother*), Brad and the Rev. Bonnie Dutton, Morgan Fennema (*Paul and Barb Fennema's granddaughter*), Ruth Garvey (*Angela Milligan's mother*), David George (*Mary Frances Breit's son-in-law*), Dustin Gorby (*Mickey Buck's friend*), Ruth Gould, Alberta Herron, Hayden Johnson:

www.caringbridge.org/visit/haydenjohnson, Char McDevitt, Pat Milligan (*Jim Milligan's mother*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's mother*), Gene Shafer, Brian Smith (*Dan Smith's grandson*), Roland and Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's parents*), Karlie Stith (*Harvey and Sally Mason's great grand-daughter*), Teresa Turney (*Dolly Millikin's daughter*); Missionary Yvonne Goll and non-profit "Saving Innocence", addressing sex trafficking, ages 11-17, in Los Angeles; www.savinginnocence.org.

Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Jack Hovis (406)

Briarwood: Norman Pim, 601;
3700 Englewood Dr., Stow OH 44224

Canterbury Place: Tom Smith, 508;
310 Fisk St., Pittsburgh PA 15201-1708

Clare Bridge of Austintown: Bill Butler (*Pat Butler's husband*); 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd, Austintown OH 44515

Copeland Oaks: Chet Roof, 6-202; Polly Kendall, 8-103, John and Jean Martsof, 7-421

Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109; Betty Potter, 202 (*Helen Hayes' mother*); Linda Tonti, 209 (*John Tonti's mother*)

Crandall: Marilyn Clark, 185; Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*)

Essex 3: Ibbby Dales, 211

Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234

Pleasant View North Retirement Center:
Helen Hum

Sterling House: Dorothy Gibson

Vista Center, Lisbon: Virginia Calabrese (*Dawn Billham's grandmother*)

Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201;
896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601

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Financial Report

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Envelope Income received February 5	\$ 4,085.00
Envelope Income received February 12	\$ 2,111.00
General Fund Balance, December 31, 2011	\$23,564.98
January Revenues	\$26,799.48
January Expenses	\$24,679.43
General Fund Balance, January 31, 2012	\$25,685.03
Per Capita (\$30 / 2012 Goal: \$12,090)	\$ 1,620.00
Valentine Potluck Dinner	\$ 257.00
Peace Garden Memorial	\$ 143.00

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Dick and Eileen Shanker and the family on the death of Eileen's brother, Richard Crawford.

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Thank you, Daytimers, for the Birthday Celebration and for all the wishes from my church family.
Mary Frances Breit



Sundays, February 26,
March 4, 11, 18

**Daffodils,
Hyacinths,
Lilies, Tulips**

\$7.00 each

Place Orders in Fellowship Hall
during Coffee Hour or in
Church Office during the week.

Race for The ROC Saturday, June 9

Waterworth Memorial Park
5K Obstacle Race

Visit www.racefortheroc.com and consider registering to participate in the Race, serving as one of the many volunteers who will be needed, or even being a sponsor. The ROC has been reaching an increasing number of youth aged 14-20.

Michael McCulloch, Organizer

BULLETINS — OPEN DATES:

March 4, 11, 18, April 15, 29, May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17; \$15/Sunday

FLOWERS — OPEN DATES:

March 18, April 15, 29, June 3, July 8, 15, 29; \$10 a vase

Lenten Worship

2012 Shared Lenten Services

*“Christ in the Strangest Places -
Fulfilled, Foreshadowed, Forever”*

A Series of Special Services for Lent

Wednesday, February 29 at St. Paul CC

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch — *Holy Trinity*

12:30 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity*

7:00 Lenten Service — *St. Paul Catholic Church*

Wednesday, March 7 at First Presbyterian

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch — *Holy Trinity*

12:30 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity*

7:00 Lenten Service — *First Presbyterian Church*

Wednesday, March 14 at Emmanuel LC

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch — *Holy Trinity*

12:30 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity*

7:00 Lenten Service — *Emmanuel Lutheran Church*

Wednesday, March 21 at First Presbyterian

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch — *Holy Trinity*

12:30 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity*

7:00 Lenten Service — *First Presbyterian Church*

Wednesday, March 28 at Holy Trinity

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch — *Holy Trinity*

12:30 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity*

7:00 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*

Our Church History ...

From the Messenger, February 13, 1972:

PLANS ARE BEING MADE BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES for securing pledges and gifts for the current building renovation and organ program, such program totaling an outlay of \$80,000. The congregation, at the special meeting authorizing this program, accepted a goal of \$25,000 to be raised in gifts and pledges over a 24 month period. In addition to the pledges and gifts program, a list of memorial gift opportunities will also be presented in the near future offering individuals and families or groups opportunity to specify a particular part of the project.

THE SANCTUARY AND FELLOWSHIP HALL were remodeled in 1938, at the time the Educational Wing was built. The records show the congregation gathered for worship for the first time in the remodeled Sanctuary Sunday, February 12, 1939. One generation later, we are in the midst of remodeling that area.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

“Where are we going?” This is a question that can have two meanings. It can be geographical or it can be spiritual. Both meanings involve journeys.

We're all familiar with the geographical meaning. This is a physical journey on the earth. When traveling, one can sometimes lose one's way. I'm reminded of a quote from Daniel Boone. Someone once asked the great pioneer if he had ever been lost. Boone responded, “I have never been lost, but I will admit to being confused for several weeks.” Now, when I am out in the backcountry and get 'confused', I rely on my map and compass to help me to find my way. These are useful tools for physical navigation.

The spiritual journey of our lives can be compared to the geographical. And as in a physical journey, we can sometimes become 'confused'. Instead of a map, we can use the Bible and instead of a compass, we can use the guidance of the Holy Spirit through prayer. Prayer enables us to find our way.

As Meta has referenced during the past two weeks, a group from our congregation has been meeting to develop a way to discern and navigate our Church's spiritual journey. **Next Sunday, February 26, after the morning worship service, all members of the congregation are invited to gather together, break bread and contemplate the course of our Spiritual Strategic Journey – a journey to proclaim the good news! A key component of this journey will be prayer.**

We will be forming covenant groups – dialogue and prayer triplets. These groups will be asked to meet and pray for each other and the church on a regular basis over the Lenten and Easter seasons, about 100 days. We believe that this will help to guide us as a church to better understand where God is sending us and what God expects of us here.

So, to answer the question, “Where are we going?” —

Through God's power, building a community committed to Christ that lives out the Great Commandment and fulfills the Great Commission.

There is an urgent need for canned soup, peanut butter, and personal hygiene items. Place items in box on stage.



The Salem Ministerial Association is sponsoring a collection of paper products to benefit the Salem Community Pantry. **Essential paper products will be collected on Sunday, March 11 from 12:30-2:30 in the former Timberlanes parking lot.** Items may be brought to Fellowship Hall for delivery to the collection site.



February



22 / Weds

12:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club — including
Family Ash Wednesday Service at 6:25
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
7:30 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)



23 / Thurs

9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
7:00 Session (107)

26 / Sun

8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
Simple Soup Lunch following Worship
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



27 / Mon

5:00 Book Study (107)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

28 / Tues

Preschool Registration for 2012-2013 (FH)
6:00 April Circle (Annabelle's Restaurant -
RSVP Grace Smith)

29 / Weds

5:00 Pres-Bees: Leap Into Faith
Frog Day — Wear Green
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)



March



Happy Birthday!

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

1 / Thur

9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
**7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),
Mission I & S (FH), Property (107),
Worship/Music/Arts (109)**
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)



4 / Sun

8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - Cherub Choir
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

5 / Mon

5:00 Book Study (107)
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) - The New
Dale Shaffer Library with Janice Leshner
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Community Lenten Service (S)
7:30 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)



8 / Thurs

9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
7:00 Finance (107)

10 / Sat

Turn Clocks Ahead One Hour

11 / Sun

8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - Praise Choir
Tentative: LOGOS serving Meal in Ytown
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

12 / Mon

6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)

14 / Weds

9:00 February Circle
9:15 March Circle (110)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

15 / Thurs

9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
7:00 Session (107)

18 / Sun

8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
Soup and Bread Lunch (FH)
4:30 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.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Monetary donations should be made out to:

Salem Community Pantry / PO Box 222, Salem OH 44460

Worship Service Schedule

Cable TV Channel 9 / *Schedule subject to change

Sunday – 2 a.m.* / Tuesday – 12:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 4:00 a.m.*, 4:00 and 9:00 p.m.

Friday – 4:00 a.m.*, 4:00 p.m.* / Saturday – 2:00 a.m.*