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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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March 1 — The Second Sunday in Lent

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Scripture: Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 8:25-27;
Matthew 6:5-13

Sermon: *"Where Prayers Begin"*

Liturgist: Paul Fennema

Music: Haviland Choir



March 8 — The Third Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time begins

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 119:1-3,
105, 129-132; Mark 4:1-9

Sermon: *"Praying with Our Ears"*

Liturgist: Allison Ward

Music: Praise and Haviland Choirs



Dear Friends,

Lent has begun. For Presbyterians, the observance of Lent is a mixed bag. Many of us may have grown up hearing no mention of this season leading up to Easter. Others – who grew up in the Roman Catholic, Lutheran, or Anglican traditions – may have even experienced the practice of “giving something up” for Lent. Some Christians have tweaked this tradition into “taking something up” – more prayer, more generosity, more acts of compassion.

During Lent, I will be focusing my preaching on the practice of prayer. Lent is a season when we may engage more deeply in habits of faith. In addition to giving more attention to praying, we literally “give” more of our resources as we participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing. More information on that special offering will be forthcoming soon.

For five Wednesdays in Lent, we are invited to worship at 12:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on State Street. Pastor Alan Smearsoll of Emmanuel and I will be providing the meditations, and the Lord's Supper (or Eucharist, as our Lutheran friends say – which simply means “Thanksgiving”) will be shared at each service. Those services begin this Wednesday, February 25, and continue through March 25. We will be trying to keep them to 30-40 minutes in length. Coincidentally, these services will be focused on the Lord's Prayer.

I am also exploring holding Lenten classes/conversation on three Tuesday evenings: March 3, March 10, and March 17. (Other church events make it impossible to do this every week.) These times together would include viewing of brief thought-provoking videos, also on the topic of prayer. Sometimes, participants have chosen to include a simple meal in these evening gatherings. *Please contact me as soon as possible if you're interested in participating.*

I leave you with these words, a portion of a prayer from *The Celtic Christian Tradition*:

Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.

Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from worry; feast on trust.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Jean Johnson (*recovering from hip surgery*) - Health South, Room 200, 1600 37th St, Vero Beach FL 32960

Others — Darla Allen (*Kevin Chumney's sister*), Vince Anderson, 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, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Gary Kekel, Sue Kyser, Jean Leimbach (*15100 Birchaven Ln Apt 129, Findlay OH 45840-7766*), Brenda Lipp, 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 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: 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

Envelope Income received February 1	\$ 2,285.00
Envelope Income received February 8	\$ 7,611.00
Envelope Income received February 15	\$ 1,755.00
General Fund Balance, December 31, 2014	\$24,743.64
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 1,966.00

Military

FENNEMA, JOHN T. SGT
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Paul and Barb Fennema's son

HARP, ALEX LCPL
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John and Joetta Tonti's grandson



A special note of thanks to all who donated items for the Pasta Dinner and gave \$252. We also collected \$311.46 from the Souper Bowl of Caring with proceeds for serving a meal at St. Vincent DePaul in March and the Banquet of Salem in April.

*Kim Double, DCE and
Youth Ministries*

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@fpcsaalem.org.



Spring Cleaning Soon? (Spring begins March 20)

Keep in mind LOGOS will be holding their Annual Rummage Sale in April and will begin accepting donations in late March. Remember, we do not accept clothing, but all other donations will be accepted with gratitude. Thank you in advance.

*A One Great Hour of Sharing
offering envelope is included
with this newsletter.*



Easter Plants

Daffodils, Hyacinths,
Lilies, Tulips — \$8.00 each
Order on Sundays,
March 1, 8, 15, 22, and
through Church Office.
Deadline — Monday, March 23

Upper Room devotionals for March-April in small and large print are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

DAYTIMERS

Wednesday, March 4
12 Noon / Fellowship Hall
Bring Covered Dish to Share



Program: *Recycling*
by Carol Ricciardi

Chili Tasting and Cornbread Luncheon

Sunday, March 15
following Worship
Contributions of Chili welcome!
Sponsored by
Congregational Care Committee

“Soup to Go”

Sunday, March 22
French Onion
\$5.00 / Quart
Wavelene Arnold, Leader
*Remember to return glass jars and
lids so they can be used again.*

Your Session at Work

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio, meeting on February 19, 2015...

- Approved a recommendation from the Preschool Board that the establishment of a Preschool Fund be pursued under the oversight of the Finance and Administration Committee. (No current Church funds would be transferred to such a Preschool Fund; *new* donations would be sought.)
- Approved participation in the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering.
- Approved Vacation Bible School being scheduled for June 15-19.
- Noted that, at the request of Eastminster Presbytery, we will be hosting mission co-workers Elmarie and Scott Parker on Sunday, March 8 at 3 p.m.
- Reviewed correspondence from the congregation regarding proposed amendments to the *Book of Order*.
- Elected Ruling Elder Lynne Peterson as the Commissioner to the March Presbytery meeting.
- Engaged in prayers of intercession for members and friends of the congregation.

RECYCLING NOTES

Here is your opportunity to recycle old electronics, and latex paints.

Where? Habitat ReStore, 1965 N Ellsworth Ave

When? Tuesday, March 10 from 5-8 p.m.

Bring in your broken printers, TVs computers, etc. There will be a \$5 fee for all console, projection, and floor model TVs.

Latex paint will also be accepted that night. There will be a \$1 fee for each can brought in rather than the usual \$2 fee.

There will also be a painting demonstration, and drawings for ReStore gift cards, handmade flower arrangements, and more.

Questions? Call 330-337-4808.

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.

Our Mission Project continues to be donations for Salem Community Pantry.

February 25	Regular Gathering <i>Chicken Nuggets, French Fries & Corn</i>
March 4	Regular Gathering
March 11	Regular Gathering
March 18	Regular Gathering
March 25	Regular Gathering

LOGOS:

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

March 1	Regular Gathering
March 8	Serving a Meal at St. Vincent DePaul
March 15	Regular Gathering
March 22	Regular Gathering

Wednesday Lenten Services

12:30 p.m.

Held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1089 E State Street
A joint service of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 4

Gospel Lesson: John 6:35-40

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Homily: Pastor Alan Smearsoll

Wednesday, March 11

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:22-31

Give us this day our daily bread

Homily: Rev. Meta Cramer

Wednesday, March 18

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:14-15, *Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us*

Homily: Pastor Alan Smearsoll

Wednesday, March 25

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11, *Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever.*

Homily: Pastor Alan Smearsoll

The Lord's Supper (The Eucharist) will be shared at all services.

February

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 (31)

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)



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
12:30 Wednesday Lenten Service at Holy
Trinity Lutheran Church
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:
Christian Education (106),
Mission I and S (FH)
Property and Maintenance (107)
Worship, Music, and the Arts (109)**

6 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)

7 / Sat **Turn Clocks AHEAD 1 Hour**



8 / 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)
11:30 Recycling Interest Group (107)
LOGOS serving meal at St. Vincent DePaul

9 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B0)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)

10 / Tues 12:00 November Circle (Annabell's)
5:00 Eastminster Presbytery Meeting at
The Presbyterian Church of Kent

11 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)
12:30 Wednesday Lenten Service at Holy
Trinity Lutheran Church
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 **7:00 Finance and Administration (110)**

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) - *Carillon Ringers*
11:30 Chili Tasting and Cornbread Luncheon
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting (B)

16 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
6:30 Quilt Show Meeting (107)

17 / Tues Lenten Study and Conversations / evening

18 / Weds 12:30 Wednesday Lenten Service at Holy
Trinity Lutheran Church
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

19 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107)**

20 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)

21 / Sat 9:00 Making "Soup to Go" (K)



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