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# The Presbyterian Messenger



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

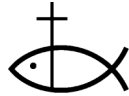
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## Sunday, March 3 — The Third Sunday in Lent



Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9  
Psalm 63:1-5, 7-8  
1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Sermon: *Fasts and Feasts*

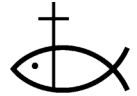
Music: Cherub and Haviland Choirs

Liturgist: Cheryl Kekel

Last Day  
to Order  
Easter  
Plants



## Sunday, March 10 — The Fourth Sunday in Lent



Scripture: Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32:1-7  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon: *No Longer Slaves*

Music: Praise and Haviland Choirs

Liturgist: Tom Mercer

Dear Friends,

We find ourselves right in the middle of the season of Lent. The word “Lent” literally means “spring.” Sometimes, the seasons actually overlap! Not so much, this year. This year, Lent has been a cold place. And perhaps, as “snow days” keep us more isolated than usual, we observe Lent whether we want to or not – that is, if we think of Lent as a time of slowing down, of giving more thought to how we relate to God, of growing in our faith.

This year, we have two additional opportunities each week to nurture our faith. One takes place in the Church Library on Monday evenings. We meet at 6:30 p.m. for a simple supper like soup and bread. At 7, we begin a devotional study of one of the spiritual practices of our heritage. (You are welcome to show up then, if you have other dinner plans.) The first week, we looked at daily prayer; the second, at the use of icons in our devotions. At future gatherings we will look at the practice of sabbath time and at meals and hospitality, and we may even be able to experience walking a labyrinth. Please don't be frightened away by some of these strange words! This is simply a group of Salem Presbyterians exploring together how we experience the presence of God in our daily lives.

Our second Lenten opportunity is the Wednesday services that begin at 12:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on State Street. Pastors Connie Sassanella, Alan Smearsoll and I lead a brief time of worship that includes the Lord's Supper. This service is also attended by people who are neither Lutheran nor Presbyterian!

Wallace Stevens wrote: “Poor, dear, silly Spring, preparing her annual surprise!” We are surprised at the end of each winter by the renewal of the earth, and at the end of each Lent we are surprised by joy...life...resurrection. Let's use these weeks of Lent to get ready to receive God's surprising gifts with rejoicing and thanksgiving.

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*), Yvonne Goll (*Missionary in LA, "Saving Innocence"*), Dustin Gorby (*Mickey Buck's friend*), Ruth Gould, Bud Hays (*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 granddaughter*), Roselyn Stephens, Scott Theil (*Ann Theil's son*), Lucy Works (*surgery March 4 in Cleveland*), 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:** Ibbey 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
Envelope Income received February 10	\$ 3,166.00
Envelope Income received February 17	\$ 2,926.00
General Fund Balance, January 31, 2013	\$17,256.89
Per Capita (\$31 / 2013 Goal: \$11,966)	\$ 1,739.00

## Military

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*Gloria Shafer's son*

† † † †

The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Steve and Marilyn Ward and Vicki and David Honeywell on the death of Steve's and Vicki's father, Herb Ward.

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**Congratulations** to Tylor Bricker for his acceptance into the National Honor Society at Salem Senior High School.

## Birth

**Congratulations** to Roy and Rebecca Hively on the birth of their 9th grandchild, Ezra Allen Hively, on February 21. Parents are Aaron and Melissa Hively.

## Thank You

Thank you for the use of Fellowship Hall, to the Women's Association and Barbara Marra for serving, and to Ed Tonkinson for setting up tables and chairs, and for our loyal church members for helping me to celebrate my 100th birthday. It was a wonderful day!

Mary Frances Breit



Sunday, March 3 (last Sunday)  
**Daffodils, Hyacinths,  
 Lilies, Tulips**  
**\$7.00 each**

Place Orders in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour or call the Church Office by Monday, March 4.



## Lenten Study

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25

Light Supper at 6:30 p.m.  
 followed by  
*Spiritual Practices for Lent and Beyond*

## OPEN DATES FOR BULLETINS:

March 31, April 21, 28, May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Cost is \$15 a Sunday.

## OPEN DATES FOR FLOWERS:

March 10 (1), 17 (1), April 28 (1), May 5, June 2 (1), 9, 30. Cost is \$10 a vase.

## *Beneath the Cross of Jesus — Special Services for Lent*

Mid-day services at Holy Trinity at 12:30 p.m.  
Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services.  
Brown Bag Lunch at Noon followed by Service

Weds, February 27 — Rev. Meta Cramer preaching  
*The Shadow of a Mighty Rock Within a Weary Land*

Weds, March 6 — Pastor Alan Smearsoll preaching  
*A Home Within a Wilderness, a Rest Upon the Way*

Weds, March 13 — Rev. Meta Cramer preaching  
*From My Contrite Heart With Tears*

Weds, March 20 — Pastor Connie Sassanella preaching  
*I Take, O Cross, Your Shadow for My Abiding Place*

## ~ Youth News ~

### Sunday School

- Together Time in Fellowship Hall during Lent
- Youth will be Ushers in March
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 24  
*Toddlers-Kindergarten in Fellowship Hall with Adult*  
*Grades 1-5 in Library / Donations Always Welcome!*

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

- Feb 27 — Regular Gathering
- Mar 3 — Cherub Choir sings during Worship
- Mar 6 — Regular Gathering
- Mar 10 — Praise Choir sings during Worship
- Mar 13 — Regular Gathering
- Mar 20 — Regular Gathering
- Mar 27 — Holy Week Seder Meal, 5:30-6:30 (*families*)

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

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

### JBM Camp Fundraiser

Candy Bar Sale — \$1 each / World's Finest Chocolate

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

- Mar 3 — Regular LOGOS; Bell Practice
- Mar 10 — Serving meal at St. Vincent DePaul  
*Desserts Needed — call Beth Schallick, 330-482-4877*  
*Everyone welcome to help us serve the meal.*
- Mar 17 — Regular LOGOS; Bell Practice
- Mar 24 — Regular LOGOS; Bell Practice
- Mar 31 — *Happy Easter* — No LOGOS
- Apr 6, 7 — Rummage Sale (*Bring items after March 17*)

## Your Session at Work

*The Session of First Presbyterian Church,  
meeting on February 21, 2013...*

- approved our participation in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering
- heard with regret that there will be no summer camps at Joseph Badger Meadows this year
- was reminded that the LOGOS Rummage Sale will be held April 6-7
- heard that Youth Sunday will be on April 14, and rejoiced that Cheryl McDevitt is once again working with the Pres-Bees on chimes and with the LOGOS on bells
- heard that \$249 was realized from the Dessert Auction at the Family Fun Nite Potluck Dinner, and will be given to the LOGOS trip fund and to Backpack Buddies
- discussed a desire to have members of the congregation present “Moments of Thanks” during worship – about 1 minute spent sharing something about the church for which they are thankful
- discussed issues of safety and security during worship
- elected Lynne Peterson as the commissioner to the March meeting of Eastminster Presbytery

## The Season of Sharing

**One Great Hour of Sharing** funds have blessed the communities of Eastminster Presbytery. How?

- Four members of Eastminster Presbytery: Ruling Elder Dale Riley, Stated Clerk and a member of the Kent Presbyterian Church; Teaching Elder Herb Goetz, Pastor of the North Benton Presbyterian Church; and Ruling Elders Donna McCollum and Lynn Smith, both members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Boardman attended two days of intensive Disaster Responsive Training from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. They now form the Eastminster Presbytery Emergency Action Committee (EPEAC) and will be providing training so that the presbytery can be prepared to mobilize in case of natural or man-made disasters.
- Eastminster Presbytery received a \$12,000 grant from the Presbyterian Hunger Program as seed funds for our new incubator Farm as a training center for sustainable local farming at Joseph Badger Meadows Camp and Conference Center.
- The Self-Development of People Committee of Eastminster Presbytery receives One Great Hour of Sharing dollars as its sole source of funding. In recent years the Committee has funded two major projects – The Front Porch Café in Akron and Five Star Construction in Youngstown. The Committee meets regularly and is hoping to develop and fund a new project in the near future.

# February

27 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
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 (21), Sam Pridon (21),  
Suzanne Cain (24), Dick Shanker (24), Dick Dougherty (26)

3 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Old Testament Study (107)  
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 (107/109) followed by  
*Spiritual Practices for Lent and Beyond*

5 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**

6 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - *Hope Cemetery Facts,*  
*Trivia, and Stories — Lou Raymond*  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)



7 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night:** *Devotions (S), then*  
**Christian Education (106)**  
**Mission I and S (FH)**  
**Property and Maintenance (107)**  
**Worship, Music, and the Arts (109)**  
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)

8 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (110)

**9 / Sat Turn Clocks Ahead 1 Hour**  
Daylight Savings Time begins March 10

10 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Old Testament Study (107)  
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 (107)**  
6:30 Light Supper (107/109) followed by  
*Spiritual Practices for Lent and Beyond*

13 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)  
9:45 March Circle (110)  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)  
**7:30 Finance and Administration (109)**

17 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Old Testament Study (107)  
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) followed by  
Soup and Bread Luncheon (FH)  
4:00 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



18 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
6:30 Light Supper (107/109) followed by  
*Spiritual Practices for Lent and Beyond*

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

24 / Palm Sunday 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Old Testament Study (107)  
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) followed by  
Annual Easter Egg Hunt (FH/107)  
4:00 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



25 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
6:30 Light Supper (107/109) followed by  
*Spiritual Practices for Lent and Beyond*

26 / Tues 9:00-4:00 Quilt Guild Workshop (FH)

## 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, 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*