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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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## January 15 — Baptism of the Lord

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper / Ordination and Installation of Officers*



Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-7, Mark 1:4-11  
Sermon: "The Burden of Being Loved"  
Music: Haviland Choir  
Liturgist: Carol Ricciardi



## January 22 — The Third Sunday after Epiphany



Scripture: I Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 27; Matthew 4:12-17  
Sermon: "Into the Light"  
Music: Haviland Choir  
Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo

Dear Friends,

Next Sunday, those who have been elected to serve us as ruling elders and deacons will be asked a number of questions as mandated by the Constitution of our Church. As I mentioned in my last sermon, my favorite question to ask is "Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?" What a wonderful challenge!

Jesus, when asked to name the "greatest commandment," replied by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5 – "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." (And according to Mark's gospel, Jesus added the phrase "with all your *mind*.") I wonder if the composers of that ordination question about *energy, intelligence, imagination, and love* were consciously thinking of Jesus' demands on our *might, minds, souls and hearts*. There do seem to be some similarities.

All of Jesus' disciples, not just those elected to office, are called to serve God with everything we've got. God created us with gifts of intelligence and imagination, gifts we use to make our livings, establish our households, and serve our communities. The daily demands of living can try our strength and our patience but, by God's grace, our supplies of energy and love are constantly being replenished. All that is asked of us is to use the gifts our Creator gives us – not only for ourselves and for our nearest and dearest -- but in the service of God and neighbor, too. That's all!

The gifts of *energy, intelligence, imagination and love* are given to us by a generous God. In this New Year, may we discover more deeply how "gifted" we really are!

Blessings, Meta

## Prayer Concerns

Alliance Hospital — John Martsof (142)  
Community Care Center — Rosann Butler  
(138) 200 E State St, Alliance OH 44601  
Others — Wavelene Arnold, Dan  
Crawford (*Linda Crawford's brother*), Stella  
Dominic (4830 Hickory Hollow,  
Middletown OH 45042), Barbara Double  
(*Ken Double's mother*), Nancy Fawcett,  
Morgan Fennema (*Paul and Barb Fennema's  
granddaughter*), David George (*Mary Frances  
Breit's son-in-law*), Ruth Gould, Alberta  
Herron (627 Kimberly Ln NE, Atlanta GA  
30306), Hayden Johnson:

[www.caringbridge.org/visit/haydenjohnson](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/haydenjohnson),  
Adrien LaRue, Char McDevitt, Pat Milligan  
(*Jim Milligan's mother*), Janie Mowery (*Marilyn  
Ward's friend*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-  
in-law*), Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's mother*), Gene  
Shafer, Brian Smith (*Dan Smith's grandson*),  
Roland Smith (*Susan Smith's father*), Karlie  
Stith (*Harvey and Sally Mason's great grand-  
daughter*), Teresa Turney (*Dolly Millikin's  
daughter*)

Missionary Yvonne Goll and newly formed  
non-profit "Saving Innocence", addressing  
the issue of sex trafficking, ages 11-17, in  
Los Angeles; [www.savinginnocence.org](http://www.savinginnocence.org).

## Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B

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, 6202; Polly  
Kendall, 8-103

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*), Jean Martsof (*John  
Martsof's wife*)

Essex 3: Ibbey 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 January 1	\$ 7,214.00
Envelope Income received January 8	\$ 6,279.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2011	(\$24,394.99)
December Revenues	\$73,662.59
December Expenses	\$25,702.62
General Fund Balance, December 31, 2011	\$23,564.98
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 2293.00
Per Capita (\$30 / 2012 Goal: \$12,090)	\$ 630.00

## Armed Forces

† SGT Fennema, John T. (*Paul and  
Barb Fennema's son*);  
2/9 Echo Company  
Unit 74120  
FPO AE 09510-4120  
[fennema33@yahoo.com](mailto:fennema33@yahoo.com)  
Afghanistan

† 1LT Jon Halverstadt  
C. Co. 403rd CA BN  
FOB Salerno  
APO AE 09314  
Afghanistan

† SPC Zachary Hill (*Gloria Shafer's  
son*); [Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil](mailto:Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil)  
1-17 IN PO Box 339554  
Joint Base Lewis & McChord  
Washington 98433

† SSGT Ryan Stith (*Harvey and Sally  
Mason's grandson*)  
Kilo Company / MCT SOI  
Camp Pendleton CA 92055

### BULLETINS — OPEN DATES:

January 15, 22; February 19, 26;  
March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 15, 22,  
29; May 13, 20, 27 (\$15 a Sunday)

### FLOWERS — OPEN DATES:

January 15; February 5, 12, 19, 26;  
March 4, 11, 18, April 1, 15, 29;  
May 20 (\$10 a vase)



Dear Presbyterian Church family,  
Thank you very much for the collec-  
tion of treats and useful materials  
during exam week. They definitely  
were all great to have during that  
busy week. My spirits were definitely  
lifted from you thinking of me. I hope  
you all have a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year. Thanks again.

Sincerely,  
Mike McCulloch

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the goody  
box you sent me to help with finals.  
I'm happy to say that it helped a lot  
and it was a really nice surprise to  
receive it. Thanks again.

George Smith

Dear Church Family,  
Gail Tetlow delivered to me a beauti-  
ful Poinsettia. Thank you so much,  
and for the lovely cards I received for  
my birthday. I'm truly blessed. Love,  
Joyce Smith

As always, I have looked through my  
address book and thought of each of  
you, good friends far away. Love to all  
my friends in the Church. Hope eve-  
ryone had a blessed Christmas, and  
all the best for 2012!!

Anne Petterson  
Olaf Bulls vei 9 A  
0765 OSLO Norway

## What in the world is *per capita*?

*Per capita* literally means “for each person.” In Presbyterian circles, the *per capita* assessment is an equitable way of funding the administrative costs of being a “connectional” church. Presbyterians affirm, with the General Assembly of 1797, that “several different congregations of believers, taken collectively, constitute one Church of Christ...” The Church is larger than any one congregation. An elder from First Presbyterian Church always enrolls in the meetings of Eastminster Presbytery along with the pastor. We are joined in ministry and mission not only with the Presbytery, but with the Synod of the Covenant and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Each of these governing bodies has its own functions and responsibilities, but we can safely say that we always benefit from one another’s work, wisdom, and experience.

For 2012, the *per capita* cost of maintaining the work of Eastminster Presbytery is \$20.12; for the Synod, \$3.25; and for the General Assembly, \$6.63. Therefore, the total *per capita* cost for this year is \$30.00. If you receive offering envelopes, the first envelope in your box should be a pink one marked “per capita.” You are urged to help this congregation support the larger work of the Church by making an extra donation for this purpose. *Thank you!*



Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church,  
Thank you so much for your continuing support of our housing ministry! Your generous gift will give a family in need the opportunity to own a simple, decent, safe house. We are truly blessed to have friends like you who share our belief that a hand-up is better than a hand-out. Sincerely,

*Barbara Loudon*

Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity

Dear Pastor Cramer and Members of the First Presbyterian Church,

We want to thank the Deacons for their most generous donation to the Tobin Chaplaincy Ministry. We really appreciate your prayers and your gracious support. We hope you had a blessed Christmas and have many blessings during 2012. In Christ,

*John and Daryl Hersh*  
Chaplains

Salem Community Pantry is in urgent need of canned soup, small jars of peanut butter, and personal hygiene items. Place items on stage.



## Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, January 16  
2:00-6:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

*Call the Church Office for specific appointment time.  
Come to donate and be entered to win a gift card.*

**Note** – *Volunteers are needed to staff Registration and the Canteen. Call Church Office if you are able to help.*

**Eastminster Presbytery is seeking applicants for the full time position of Administrative Assistant.**

The position provides a pleasant working environment, competitive salary, and family medical benefits. Interested persons should forward their resumes to Dan Schomer, Eastminster Presbytery, 3833 Main Street, Mineral Ridge, Ohio 44440 or email to [danschomer@faithfulness.com](mailto:danschomer@faithfulness.com). The deadline for resumes to be submitted is January 17.



## Our Church History ...

**From the Messenger, January 16, 1972:**

**THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES MADE!!**

By Tuesday morning of this week, the chancel area looked like a disaster area. By mid-week, some electrical work and some carpentry work has been accomplished toward the completed project. There is no question we will be worshipping in “temporary quarters” in the Sanctuary for some weeks, but we look forward to the greatly enhanced utility and beauty of the completed project. It is expected that by Sunday, the new main level of the chancel will have been established, the new front steps will have been constructed, and that the pulpit will be in its new location. The organ, which served us faithfully many years, is now silent and in the interim until the new one is installed, we will be utilizing an electronic instrument belonging to Terry Rufer. Some adjustments in worship, seating, and comfort will undoubtedly be necessary in these weeks, but we are sure that the necessary adjustments will be made cheerfully and that we shall gain much in the effort!

Come Sunday and see and hear “Signs of Progress”!

*Parking on Second Street in front of the Church property is permitted on Sundays according to City Council.*

# January

- 10 / Tues 7:00 Book Study (107)
- 11 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)  
9:15 March Circle (110)  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 12 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F  
**7:00 Finance / Administration (107)**
- 15 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Officer Training (107) - *Incoming Officers*  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - *Installation of Officers*  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
- 16 / Mon No Preschool  
**2:00-6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive (FH)**  
5:00 Book Study (107)
- 17 / Tues **8:30 Investment Committee (107)**  
7:00 Book Study (107)
- 18 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 19 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F  
**7:00 Session (107)**
- 22 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)  
9:00 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)
- 23 / Mon 5:00 Book Study (107)  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 24 / Tues 7:00 Book Study (107)



- 25 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 26 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F  
10:00 Staff Meeting (Church Office)
- 29 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - *Praise Choir*  
11:30 Annual Congregational Meeting  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 30 / Mon 5:00 Book Study (107)  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 31 / Tues 7:00 Book Study (107)



# February

*Happy Birthday!*  
Mary Frances Breit (2)

- 1 / Mon 12:00 Daytimers (FH) -  
*Piano Music by Vince Anderson*  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 2 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F  
**7:00 Committee Night:**  
**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)
- 5 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - *Boy Scout Sunday*  
6:00 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby (FH)
- 6 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 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.\*