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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, January 16 — The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sermon: "Are You Lookin' at Me?"  
Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-3, 9-11, 16-17; I Corinthians 1:1-9  
Music: Haviland Choir  
Liturgist: David Stephens

## Sunday, January 23 — The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sermon: "A 'Caving' and a Calling"  
Scripture: Psalm 27:1-9; I Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23  
Music: Cherub and Haviland Choirs  
Liturgist: Teri Lou Pike

Dear Friends,

During the past few months, I have tried to be more faithful in pursuing "spiritual reading." That kind of reading is not a search for "information," but is done in the hope that God will speak to us through the words of spiritually mature writers and, of course, through the Bible itself.

I would like to extend invitations to participate in two different kinds of "spiritual reading" experiences:

- (1) An excellent book is *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, who was once named "one of the most effective preachers in the English-speaking world." This book invites us to find "more meaning, more feeling, more connection, more life" by looking "right under our feet, in the everyday activities, accidents, and encounters of our lives." It is now available in paperback for \$10 (with free shipping). If some of you would be interested in reading and discussing this book on a weekly or biweekly basis, please let me know as soon as possible. It would be nice to get started within the next few weeks. I am envisioning this as an evening group, but we can negotiate the specific time when we find out who is interested.
- (2) Would you like to read the Bible – not to be *informed*, but to be *transformed*? My Doctor of Ministry project involved a group of folks who covenanted to read particular passages from the Bible every day, and who then got together once a month to discuss their struggles and their joys with this spiritual discipline. Everyone involved found this to be a very meaningful experience and many extended it far beyond the six-month commitment they initially made. If you might be interested in attempting daily Bible reading in a new way, please be in touch. Again, we can be flexible as to meeting time.

Blessings,  
Meta

## Prayer Concerns

Salem Hospital: Al Kenreigh, 355-1

Alliance Hospital: Minnie Rhea Carter

Others: Warren and Barbara Bettis, Terry Carman (*Wavelene Arnold's brother-in-law*), Rev. Larry Chamberlain, Everett Dennison, Joe Gibson (*Barb Gibson's son, Nancy Fawcett's nephew*), Bekah Hanlon (*Jo Hendrick's granddaughter*), Hayden Johnson: [www.caringbridge.org/visit/haydenjohnson](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/haydenjohnson), Patti Johnson (*Mickey Buck's friend*), Mary Kekel (*Gary Kekel's mother*), Polly Kendall, Tink Layden, Char McDevitt, Fred McNeal (*Jim McNeal's brother*), Bessie McQuiston (*Mickey Buck's friend*), Pat Milligan, Janie Mowery (*Marilyn Ward's friend*), Doris Nuckols, Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Bryan and Jennifer Milheim Ramsey and Family (*Overseas Ministry*), Steve Reiter, Brenda Romack (*Friend of John Krauss and Choir*), Bill Schuller (*John Krauss' friend*), Gene Shafer, Karlie Stith (*Harvey and Sally Mason's great granddaughter*), Marvin Sutcliffe

## Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Louise Murdock (for Rehab)

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

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

Copeland Oaks: Chet Roof, 6202

Courtyard: Georgiana Costa, 107; Phyllis Lamb, 109; Betty Potter, 202 (*Helen Hayes' mother*); Linda Tonti, 209 (*John Tonti's mother*)

Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*)

Essex 3: Ibbey Dales, 211

Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234

Roselawn Terrace: Barbara Bettis, 104 (*Warren Bettis' wife*); 11999 Klinger Ave NE, Alliance OH 44601

Southern Manor: Elvira Bass (*Mary Frances Breit's sister*); Lebanon TN

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

## Armed Forces

† SGT Double, Casey (*Barbara Double's grandson*) 446 Canyon Dr #9 Oceanside CA 92054

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## Financial Report

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Envelope Income received January 2	\$ 2,437.00
Envelope Income received January 9	\$ 7,524.00
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 3,248.00
Per Capita (\$29 / 2011 Goal: \$12,963)	\$ 204.00

- † SGT Fennema, John T (*Paul and Barb Fennema's son*); [fennema33@yahoo.com](mailto:fennema33@yahoo.com); 2/9 E Co. Unit 74120, FPO AE 09510-4120
- † LCPL Gibbs, Jeremy B. (*Charles and Margaret Gibbs' grandson*) 2/9 Fox Co. Unit 74125 FPO AE 09510-4125
- † PFC Hill, Zachary (*Gloria Shafer's son*); [Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil](mailto:Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil) C Company I-72 ARBN, Unit 15074 Box 202 APO AP 96224-5074
- † CPL Lee, Stacy
- † SSGT Stith, Ryan (*Harvey and Sally Mason's grandson*) Kilo Company / MCT SOI Camp Pendleton CA 92055

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In Memoriam

Margaret (Williams) McQuilkin

Joined First Church  
November 10, 1929

Died — January 10, 1011

"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 Dick and Carol Dougherty and the family on the death of Carol's mother, Margaret McQuilkin.



Congratulations to great grandfather Jim Mohr on the birth of Dianna Grace Schutte on December 28, 2010. Parents are Mark and Jessica Lodge Schutte of Tennessee.



Mark Your Calendars! The Annual Potluck Supper sponsored by the Congregational Care Committee will be held on Sunday, February 13. This year we will be entertained by the Cherub and Praise Choirs. We are also looking for additional church members or friends who would be willing to share a talent with us. Do you sing, play a musical instrument, recite poetry, dance, perform magic? If you do, we would love to put you on the program. Please e-mail Carol Ricciardi at [carolrccrd@aol.com](mailto:carolrccrd@aol.com) with Potluck Entertainment in the subject line.



I want to thank the Deacons and my church family for the beautiful flowers that Barb Bozich brought to me for my birthday. We had a lovely visit. Also, I want to thank my friends for the beautiful cards I received. It meant so much to me. God bless you all.

Love,  
Joyce Smith

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the red and white Poinsettias that Barbara Bozich brought me. We are enjoying them immensely. We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and are looking forward to Happy New Year in 2011.

In Christian Love, I remain,  
Dr. H. Gene Shafer



We continue to meet Sunday evenings from 4:30 to 6:30. During our time together, we have a lesson or Bible study, recreation time, and a meal. We have other fun activities throughout the year. In 2011, we are tentatively planning a pool party, a trip to a hockey game, possibly a baseball game, a lock in, a movie night, and possibly laser tag. Any youth in grades six through twelve are welcome to join us. Please come check us out. If you have any questions, give me a call or send me an email — Beth Schallick (330) 482-4877, [beths@fpcsaalem.org](mailto:beths@fpcsaalem.org).

We will be selling Pepperoni Rolls in January in conjunction with the Preschool. These are the Pepperoni Rolls sold by the Preschool in previous years. The cost is \$3.50 per roll. We will take orders now through Sunday, January 23. We will be in Fellowship Hall collecting orders on Sundays, January 16 and 23 during Coffee Hour, or you can call the Church Office to place an order. The Pepperoni Rolls will be delivered on Sunday, January 30.

On February 6th, we will be collecting for Souper Bowl of Caring. With the donations, we will be preparing and serving a meal for St. Vincent DePaul later in the month.



We will be selling roses for Valentine's Day. They will be available to pick up on Sunday, February 13. Look for details in the next newsletter.

- 1/16 - Regular LOGOS
- 1/23 - Regular LOGOS
- 1/30 - Regular LOGOS

- 2/6 - Super Bowl Sunday - No LOGOS
- 2/13 - Valentine Potluck - No LOGOS
- 2/20 - Regular LOGOS (possible lock-in)
- 2/27 - Regular LOGOS (possible dinner at St. Vincent DePaul)

The dinner sign up sheet for January through May is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please check your calendar and sign up to provide a meal. Thank you!

## 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 2011, the *per capita* cost of maintaining the work of Eastminster Presbytery is \$19.25; for the Synod, \$3.25; and for the General Assembly, \$6.50. Therefore, the total *per capita* cost for this year is \$29. 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!*

### BULLETINS — OPEN DATES:

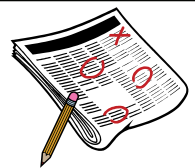
January 16, 23, February 6, 13, 20, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 17, 24, May through December; (\$15 a Sunday)

### FLOWERS — OPEN DATES:

January 23, February 6, 20, 27, April 3, 10, May 1, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, July 3, 10, 17, 24, August 7, 14, 28, September 11, 18, October 2, 9, 30, November 6, 20, 27, December 4, 11; (\$10 a vase)

**The Salem Community Pantry is looking for a person to fill the role of Pantry Coordinator.**

This is a volunteer position involving a minimum of ten hours a week. The right person will have a passion for feeding those in need in the Salem community. This person will also exhibit skills in management, handling volunteers, and dealing with the public. Persons interested should contact Pastor Alan Smearsoll, President of the Board, at 330-332-5042.



Friday, January 21



# January

- 12 / 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)
- 13 / Thurs 9:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) — Th/F  
**7:00 Finance Committee (107)**
- 16 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 17 / Mon No Preschool
- 18 / Tues **8:30 a.m. Investment Committee (107)**  
10:00-5:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)  
6:00 April Circle (DeRienzo's)  
RSVP Barb Fennema
- 19 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 20 / Thurs 9:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) Th/F
- 23 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) — *Cherub Choir*  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 24 / Mon 11:00 Church Staff Meeting (110)  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 26 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

- 27 / Thurs 9:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) — Th/F  
**7:00 Session (107)** — *Note Date Change*
- 30 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) — *Praise Choir*  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



- 31 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

# February



- 1 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 2 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH); Program —  
*The 1970's and 80's — A Retrospective from the Bulletin and Messenger*  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 3 / Thurs 9:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) — Th/Fr  
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 (100)**



- 6 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) — *LOGOS Youth*  
NO LOGOS  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 7 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**
- 9 / 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)

## 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.\*