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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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Sunday, January 6 — The Epiphany of the Lord



Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon: *Star of Wonder*
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Ken Double

Sunday, January 13 — Baptism of the Lord

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



Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Sermon: *Once More, Right on the Forehead*
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Carol Ricciardi



Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! As happens each January, the New Year - 2013 - will be ushered in with much celebration and good cheer.

For many people, the arrival of the New Year is seen as a time to "turn over a new leaf" as well as to hang a new calendar. Lots of resolutions are made. Certainly any effort to break bad habits and establish new patterns is a good thing.

The good news is that "newness" can happen any day of the year. In the book of Revelation, the "One seated on the throne" proclaims "See, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5). The apostle Paul wrote, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The good news here is that it is *God* who is making us new, not our own iron will or our own ability to keep our New Year's resolutions.

Frederick Buechner writes, in his little book, *Wishful Thinking*, a book which has long formed my own thinking:

Paul's word for this gradual transformation of a sow's ear into a silk purse is sanctification.... Being sanctified is a long and painful stage because with part of herself the sinner prefers her sin, just as with part of himself the Beast prefers his glistening snout and curved tusks. Many drop out with the job hardly more than begun, and among those who stay with it there are few if any who don't drag their feet most of the way.

But little by little – less by taking pains than by taking it easy – the forgiven person starts to become a forgiving person, the healed person to become a healing person, the loved person to become a loving person. God does most of it. The end of the process, Paul says, is eternal life.

God does most of it. That, my friends, is the good news of the gospel! A very happy New Year to all of you. "God bless us every one!"

...Meta

Prayer Concerns

Salem Community Hospital — Ken Burrier, 218-1 (Skilled); Rita Hovis, 220-2 (Skilled)

Others — Wavelene Arnold, Chris Brown (*UMC Choir Director*), Jean Brucker (*Kay Stanga's sister*), Ryan Christian (*Nancy Fawcett's friend*), Rob Cole, 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, Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Bill and Theresa Jones, Gary Kekel, Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (*Phil Tetlow's cousins*), Ellie Parker (now home), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Sam Pridon, Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Maria Ricciardi (*Sam Ricciardi's mother*), Connie Bowman Rowe (*Helen Hayes' friend*), Ruth and Gene Shafer, Brian Smith (*Dan Smith's grandson*), Roland and Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's parents*), Scott Theil (*Ann Theil's son*), Lucy Works (surgery Jan. 14), Lynn Zocolo

Special Care Facilities

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: Ibby 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
Pleasant View North: Helen Hum
Shepherd of the Valley: Charlotte McDevitt; 7148 West Blvd, Youngstown OH 44512
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 December 2	\$ 3,020.00
Envelope Income received December 9	\$ 2,105.00
Envelope Income received December 16	\$11,939.00
Envelope Income received December 23	\$ 2,409.00
Envelope Income received December 24	\$11,535.00
Envelope Income received December 30	\$16,470.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2012	(-\$7,479.87)
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 2,650.00

Military

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Gorley, Matthew
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Scott and Debbie Boyd's nephew

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John and Joetta Tonti's grandson

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Gloria Shafer's son

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to John and Joetta Tonti and the family on the death of John's mother, Linda Tonti; and to David and Roselyn Stephens and the family on the death of Roselyn's father, Bruce Haynes.

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Newborn

Congratulations to great grandparents John and Joetta Tonti on the birth of Athen Addington on December 13 to Rachel and Nate Addington.

Thank You

Thank you for the *Tapestries* program ads each year!!! *Mike Newman*

Thank you for the generous donation to the Tobin Chaplaincy Ministry. We really appreciate your prayers and support and hope you had a blessed Christmas and many blessings during 2013. In Christ,
John and Daryl Hersh, Chaplains

Thanks to all for the wonderful wishes, prayers, and flowers. I am now at home recovering.
Ellie Parker

Many, many thanks to our Trio – Jayne Bricker, Cheryl McDevitt, and Ruth Newman, and to their accompanist, Barb Fennema – for the musical selections they presented so beautifully on December 30.

A huge thank you for everything that was sent in support of the "We Care Ministry". Blessings to you during this wonderful time of our Savior's birth and for the New Year, may it be a healthy and happy time for you and your family.

2013

- ✓ **Offering Envelopes** are on the stage in Fellowship Hall.
- ✓ **Flower and Bulletin Donors** are needed. Flowers are \$10 a vase; Bulletins are \$15 a Sunday. Call to verify standing orders.
- ✓ **Annual Reports are due in the Church Office by this Friday, January 4.**

Thank You

The Women's Association would like to thank everyone who participated in the Gift Basket Auction for charities in Salem and Mission Abroad. Winners are:

A Little Chocolate — John Burkey
Cats — Susan Smith
Celebrate Salem — The Fennemas
Discovery Toys — Olivia Fennema
Entertainment — Alyssa Bricker
Kitchen — Meta Cramer
Longaberger Pottery — Mary Lepping
Money Tree — Jan Bethel
Pamper Yourself — Birgitta Banner
Party Time — Joan Ferrier
Ohio State University — The Fennemas
Specialty Chocolate — Sue Skiba
Theater — Luke Mackall

The Congregational Care Committee will host our annual **Valentine Pot-luck Dinner** on Sunday, February 10 at 5:30 p.m. Their goal is that our church family, of all ages, enjoy a FUN-ny Valentine's celebration! They are planning hands-on activities and crafts for us to enjoy with our families and friends. Bring some guests; bring your contribution to the table; and enjoy a time of FUN and great food.



Our Church History ...

From the Messenger, January 17, 1942

The Junior Choir — Rehearsals got off to a fine start Tuesday, Jan. 5th, with seventeen boys and girls present. The following Tuesday, Jan. 12th, twenty-three were present, three from last week absent. Great interest was shown under the able leadership of Mr. W.W. Alspaugh. They are to sing Sunday, Jan. 31st, and in time we hope to have choir robes for them.

From the Messenger, January 11, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Club — The Mr. and Mrs. Club, which is a club for all married couples, no age limit, will meet Friday evening, Jan. 9, at 8:00 o'clock in the Westminister House. New couples in town and anyone interested are invited to attend. This is a get-acquainted party for Rev. and Mrs. A. Laten Carter. Hostesses are: Mr. and Mrs. Wallace King, Mr. and Mrs. Carl McQuilkin, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hovis.

From the Messenger, January 25, 1953

Permission has been granted to the Women's Association to use the office formerly occupied by Miss Grace Ellenberger DCE, as their headquarters for the time being, where supplies will be kept and meetings of committees may be held.

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church,
meeting on December 20, 2012....

- heard that the 2012 Financial Review was completed with no "findings"
- heard that the Finance and Administration Committee had approved distribution of funds from the Permanent Reserve Fund to the Memorial Fund, Capital Fund, Music Fund and Deacons/Good Samaritan Fund.
- heard a report on the visit of Amanda Craft, a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission co-worker in Guatemala
- heard that new lights had been installed in the chancel area of the sanctuary in time for the Haviland Choir presentation on December 16
- heard that staff evaluations had been completed and that the Personnel Committee would be reviewing and revising the Handbook for Employees in 2013
- approved the reception of Rebecca Hively and Ann Johnson into membership on December 23
- approved the baptisms of Grace Elizabeth Johnson and Jaxson Edward Hardy on December 23

~ Youth News ~

Backpack Buddies — nutritious foods for kids over the weekend. Items taken to Buckeye School on Friday afternoons: 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)

Pres-Bees

Youth through Grade 5 / Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Regular gatherings:

January 9, 16, 23 (Critter Day!), and 30

Cherub Choir sings Jan. 20 / Praise Choir sings Jan. 27

LOGOS

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

January:

6 — Boar's Head Festival after Worship (Youngstown)

13 — Regular LOGOS, Defensive Driving with Dave Moore

20 — Regular LOGOS

27 — Regular LOGOS

January

Happy Birthday!
Jo Hawkins (8)

- 3 / Thurs **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)
- 4 / Fri Annual Reports due in Church Office**
- 6 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
LOGOS to Boar's Head Festival
in Youngstown after Worship
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 7 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 8 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 9 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)
9:45 March Circle (110)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club *Epiphany Party*
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 10 / Thurs **7:00 Finance and Administration (107)**
- 13 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Sacrament of Communion,*
The Ordination and Installation of Officers
4:00-6:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 14 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 15 / Tues **8:30 am Investment Committee (107)**
12:00 South Area COM (110)

- 16 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 17 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107)**
- 20 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Cherub Choir*
Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship
4:00-6:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 21 / Mon No Preschool
- 23 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club — *Critter Day*
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 24 / Thurs 12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (110)
- 27 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Praise Choir*
4:00-6:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 28 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 30 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

February

Happy Birthday!
Mary Frances Breit (2)

- 2 / Sat 2:00-4:00 Party for Mary Frances Breit's
100th Birthday (FH)
- 3 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Rev. Jim Mohr in Pulpit*
No LOGOS — Super Bowl Sunday
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

Salem Community Pantry

Mon., Fri., 9-11:30 a.m. / Tues., 5-7:30 p.m.

**Urgent Needs — 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 a.m.; Tuesday — 12 & 3 p.m.;
Wednesday — 1 a.m., 4 & 9 p.m.;
Friday — 1 a.m., 4 p.m.; / Saturday — 3 a.m., 12 & 4 p.m.
Cable TV Channel 9 / Schedule Subject to Change