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The Presbyterian Messenger



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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January 18, 2015 — The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Ordination and Installation of Officers



Scripture: I Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6, 17-18;
John 1:43-51
Sermon: *You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet*
Liturgist: Dave Stephens
Music: Haviland Choir

January 25 — The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship



Scripture: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 25:4-9
Mark 1:14-20
Sermon: *Be Careful What You Wish For!*
Liturgist: Marilyn Ward
Music: Cherub and Haviland Choirs

Dear Friends,

This January seems (in the immortal words of Yogi Berra) like “*déjà vu all over again.*” It snows. The roads are icy. Temperatures plunge. And, as I mentioned in yesterday’s sermon, we can easily become isolated from one another, from the church, and from our neighbors. While I think that everyone must use their own best judgment about regarding the safety of venturing out at any particular time, it’s also true that we need to make a little extra effort to stay connected during the deep-freezes of winter. As some of us “cocoon” for the cold months and others escape the cold by heading elsewhere, please continue to hold one another in prayer, even though we may not see each other as often as we’re accustomed to doing. And, please continue to inform the Church Office of any special needs of which you are aware. Finally, if you have any doubt about whether a church program is “on,” please check with the Church Office.

January is also a month of transition. We thank those who have completed terms of service on the Session or the Board of Deacons. We try to provide newly-elected officers with some of the tools they will need as they are ordained and installed. Our Finance and Administration Committee, in particular, must look back on the year 2014 and plan ahead for 2015 even while we’re in the midst of the 2014-2015 academic and programmatic year. Please offer prayers of thanksgiving for those who have served, who continue to serve, and who begin to serve as ordained officers of our congregation. Presbyterians are unique in ordaining our lay leadership and demanding parity between ruling elders (*those ordained to serve on the Session*) and teaching elders (*also known as ministers of Word and sacrament*). We are blessed with remarkable officers in this congregation. Thanks be to God!

The weeks between Epiphany and Lent are a time of focusing on what God *calls* each of us to do as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Often, God’s call is challenging, unexpected, and even disruptive.

“O God, tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do,
to obey your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.”

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Salem Regional Medical Center —
Pat Butler (2002), Bill Jones (3025)

Others — Darla Allen (*Kevin Chumney's sister*), Marianne Barr (*Debbie Blair's mother*), Eddie Broome (*Sally Collins' brother-in-law*), Audrey Crawford (*Linda Crawford's sister in law*), Steve Davis (*Brad Davis' father*), Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Lori Dunn (*Penny Lippiatt's friend*), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Berneda Fitch, Debbie Goulish (*Meta Cramer's friend*), Sandi Hendricks, Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Jack and Rita Hovis, Darby Jeffries Colian, Hayden Johnson, Gary Kekel, Sue Kyser, Jim Laughlin, Jean Leimbach (*15100 Birchaven Ln Apt 129, Findlay OH 45840-7766*), Pat Milligan, Dolly Millikin, 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 step-dad, Lorin Shepard, Sue Sinclair, 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: 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 January 4	\$ 4,450.00
Envelope Income received January 11	\$ 2,595.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2014	\$ 7,360.56
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 2,479.00
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 1,440.00

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



I want to thank the church for the special musical opportunities I have had and the many opportunities that I have to do it. Thanks as well to Kim Double and the LOGOS team for the opportunities I had in Washington D.C. and working with them. Also, for taking the time to celebrate my biggest season by wanting to go to Warren for my eighth Tapestries Holiday Feast. The choir, headed by John Krauss and Nancy McNeal, has brought more and more pleasure to me yearly!!!

Happy New Year!!!

Mike Newman

Just a note to thank Barb Yonker for bringing flowers from the church. They add a lot of color in our living room. We didn't put up our tree this year so it looks a little strange for Christmas, but then Christmas isn't about trees is it? Merry Christmas to all and a bright new year.

Ken and Goldie Burrier

Thank you for the beautiful Poinsettia Gail Tetlow brought to me. I enjoyed my visit with her.

Doreen Dunn



I want to thank Meta for her visits and healing prayers while I was in the hospital.

Lois Dunn

I am deeply touched by the birthday card I received from the church. Blessings to you all!

Juanita Latham

We want to thank Andrew Skiba for delivering flowers and visiting, and to Meta for her visit.

Marty and Jim Hollinger

Our most sincere thanks for the prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls during my recent hospitalization. Meta's daily visits and prayers at the hospital were so deeply appreciated. An extra special thank you to Phyllis for sending a copy of the choir's program to us, to Gail Tetlow and Helen Hayes for doing double duty counting the church's monies, to Jan Jones for dropping off soup and cookies, and to Tom Mercer for delivering the beautiful Poinsettias to our home. It is so uplifting to know that our church family is there for us. We feel so blessed. Blessings to all of you!

Lorin and Marcia Shepard

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. New booklets will be available the first part of February.



"Soup to Go"



Our soup for January 25 will be **Vegetable with Roy Hively as leader**. Soup is made the 4th Saturday of the month and sold for \$5 a quart from 11:30-12:30 the next day following worship. Other dates are February 22 (Turkey) with Jan Bethel as leader, and March 22 (Corn Chowder) with Wavelene Arnold as leader. Please return your "Soup to Go" glass jars and lids to the church kitchen so they can be used again. There is a box on the counter marked "Soup to Go".

- **Flower and Bulletin Donors** are needed for 2015. Vases are \$10 each and Bulletins are \$15 a Sunday. Please call to confirm standing orders.
- **Offering Envelopes for 2015** are in Fellowship Hall. If you have not had envelopes, but would like a box, please call the Church Office.
- **Per Capita Apportionment** for 2015 is \$32 per Active Member.



RECYCLING NEWS



There continues to be great discussion on the use of and recycling of Styrofoam. I searched for articles on this topic and found a very interesting one that I think explains well some of the issues of the use of Styrofoam. I have taken the following excerpts from an article found at "sustainability.wustl.edu."

1. **According to the Environmental Protection Agency, Styrofoam is the fifth largest source of hazardous waste in the United States.**
2. Styrofoam is composed of Benzene and Styrene, both of which are known human carcinogens. They have been linked to incidences of both Parkinson's disease and leukemia.
3. Hydro fluorocarbons (HFCs) used in the production of Styrofoam, result in air pollution, causing damage to the ozone layer. They are now known to be 3-5 times more dangerous than originally believed.
4. **Microwaving Styrofoam causes the release of toxic chemicals, which poses a threat to human health.**
5. Styrofoam is the primary source of urban litter.
6. Styrofoam is the main pollutant in oceans, bays, and other United States water sources. It causes choking and starvation in wildlife.

So, even though we are told that Styrofoam can be recycled, there seem to be so many reasons why we should not use it for our personal health and for the health of our world. Please consider this information the next time you go buy Styrofoam plates, cups, etc.

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.

January 14	Regular Gathering Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Corn
January 21	Regular Gathering Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, and Salad
January 25	Cherub Choir sings during Worship
January 28	Regular Gathering Soft tacos, Nachos/salsa, and Apples
February 4	Regular Gathering
February 8	Praise Choir sings during Worship

LOGOS:

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

January 18	Regular Gathering
January 25	LOGOS Pasta Dinner after Worship
	Supplies needed are Rigatoni Noodles, Ragu Traditional Sauce, Butter, Ranch and Italian Dressings, and Parmesan Cheese. Please leave on stage in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support! LOGOS Youth No LOGOS at 4:30



February 1	Souper Bowl of Caring — NO LOGOS Tentative Souper Bowl Party!
February 8	Regular Gathering

COMMUNION

The Worship Committee has scheduled the 2015 dates for Communion at our church. Generally, Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month and on Holy Days by either Intinction (dipping) or serving in the pews. Intinction requires four servers and service in the pews ten.

The Worship Committee is encouraging that we say "The Bread of Life" and "The Cup of Salvation" as each person receives the Bread and Cup. This should be done by the server, and we encourage you to repeat this to your neighbor as the plates are passed in the pew.

The small paper cups in the middle of the bread trays contain Gluten-free bread.

Any ordained Deacon or Elder interested in serving Communion may contact Barbara Yonker.

Barb Yonker, Worship Committee

January

Happy Birthday!
Curt Mosher (13), Terry Rufer (28)

- 14 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
7:15 Haviland Choir (S)
- 17 / Sat 10:00-4:00 Quilting Class (FH)
- 18 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Officer Training in the Library
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
9:30 Special Session Meeting in Library
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
11:30 Nominating Committee (110)
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 19 / Mon No Preschool
- 20 / Tues 6:00 April Circle (Annabell's Restaurant)
- 21 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
7:15 Haviland Choir (S)
- 22 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107)**
- 23 / Fri Preschool Vision Screening (110)
9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)
- 24 / Sat 9:00 Making Vegetable Soup for
"Soup to Go" (K)
- 25 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Cherub Choir*
11:30 Annual Congregational Meeting
11:30-12:30 "Soup to Go" - *Vegetable*
11:30 LOGOS Pasta Dinner (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



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.

- 26 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 28 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
7:15 Haviland Choir (S)

February

Happy Birthday!
Mary Frances Breit (2), Jim Hollinger (7)

- 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)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 2 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 3 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 4 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - *Valentine Music*
With Gary and Cheryl Kekel 
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
7:15 Haviland Choir (S)
- 5 / Thurs 7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
**7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),
Mission I and S (FH), Property (107),
Worship (109)**
- 6 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)
- 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) -
Praise Choir and Carillon Ringers
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
Valentine Potluck
- 9 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)

Worship Schedule on Cable TV Channel 9

Sunday — 1 & 9 am / Monday — 1am
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