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Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

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Sunday, January 19 — The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40
Matthew 5:43-48
Sermon: "God Has a Dream"
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Carol Ricciardi



Sunday, January 26 — The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm 40:1-3, 9-11
Matthew 4:12-23
Sermon: "Moonlight"
Music: Cherub / Haviland Choirs
Liturgist: Alli Ward



Dear Friends,

We are settling back into our routines now that Christmas is, really, behind us. At the same time, though, a change of the calendar always brings about new resolve to.... *what?* It seems like "getting organized" and "losing weight" are the most popular New Year's resolutions... and we know how long those resolutions usually last!

The good news of the Gospel is that we never need to wait for a New Year to be made new by God:

"The Lord put a new song in my mouth...." (Psalm 40:3).

"See, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5)

*"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)*

I once heard someone say that if she could give a name to a church, she would call it "The Church of the Second Chance." And the third, and the fourth.... The great good news is that each day is a fresh, blank page. And while our past experiences have formed us and made us who we are, the power of our Creator God can make of us "new creations."

What new thing will God do with *you* this new year? What new thing might God call this church to be and to do? My own hope and prayer is that we will find new and even better ways to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors.

"Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out. ...

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations...." (Isaiah 42:1.6)

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Salem Regional Medical Center: Dick Dale
Others: Darla Allen (*Kevin Chumney's sister*), Wavelene Arnold, Marianne Barr (*Debbie Blair's mother*), John Beebe (*Debbie McCulloch's father*), Lee Benson (*Lynne Peterson's son*), Marilyn Cosier (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Audrey Crawford (*Linda Crawford's sister in law*), Regan Deloach (*Penny Lippiatt's friend's granddaughter*), Stella Dominic, Alex Evans (*Lucy Works' friend*), Morgan Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter*), Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's daughter-in-law*), Sandi Flake, Melissa Griffith (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Bill Hannay, Bud Hays (*Sue Merry's father*), Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Bill Jones, Lynn Kostura (*Lauren Arnold's college friend's mother*), Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (*Phil Tetlow's cousins*), Susan McCullough (*Susan Merry's co-worker*), Dolly Millikin, Helen Newman (*Jim Newman's mother*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Sam Pridon, Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Marie Robinson (*Kim Double's mother*), Connie Bowman Rowe (*Helen Hayes' friend*), Gene Shafer, Dick Shanker (*back surgery Jan. 16*), Gabriel Smith, (*Norm and Jeanne Smith's great-grandson and Mickey Buck's great nephew*), Julie Smith (*Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law*), Makala Walker (*Lucy Works' friend's great granddaughter*), Denise Weingart (*1322 Eastview Dr*)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum
Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Roland and Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's parents*)
Austintown OH 44515
Copeland Oaks: Dan Smith, Apt 1029
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*); Kathleen Kirby, 9-162 (*Gregg Rhodes' mother*); Jim Mohr, 263
Essex III: Ibby Dales, 211
Grace Woods: Jo Hawkins, 234
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith;
5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Shepherd of the Valley: Jo Hendricks, 218;
4100 N River Rd NE, Warren OH 44484
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 5	\$ 3,620.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2013	(\$18,873.84)
Church Sign Fundraiser (\$100 / Brick)	\$ 1,500.00
Per Capita (\$32 / 2014 Goal: \$11,104.00)	\$ 544.00

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

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of our Congregation are extended to Ruth Varkonda and Mark and Lynn Zocolo and the families on the death of son and brother, John Varkonda.

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Congratulations to grandparents Tom and Betsy Johnson on the birth of Kian Johnson on December 29, 2013 to Drs. Mark and Parrish Johnson.

Congratulations to grandparents Bud and Judy Herron on the birth of Marra Herron on December 29, 2013 to Gregg and Bethany Herron.

Congratulations to Lance and Kari (Kyser) Newburn on the birth of Weston Gene Newburn on January 6. Grandparents are Ken and Sue Kyser and Debbie and Nelson Thomas. Great grandmother is Rose Marie Crookston.

Thank You

We want to thank you for your most generous donation to the Tobin Center Chaplaincy Ministry. We really appreciate your prayers and support of this vital ministry to at-risk youth in our area. Wishing you many blessings for the new year of 2014!

John and Daryl Hersh, Chaplains

We want to thank the Deacons for delivering the lovely Poinsettia.

Harvey and Sally Mason

Thank you for the Christmas cards and beautiful Poinsettia.

Jim Mohr

Thank you for the beautiful Poinsettia delivered by Lorin and Marcia Shepard. We had a very nice visit and appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Ken and Goldie Burrier

Many thanks for your \$200 gift to the Banquet in Salem. We are so grateful for your support of this ministry. God's Blessing,

Bill Wilkins

Thank you for the lovely sympathy cards and expressions of care and concern for Wendell and me during his illness and at the time of his death.

Lois Dunn

We would like to extend a big Thank-You for your very generous support during the past year of \$4,775.27. Your contribution is very much appreciated and has helped those struggling to put food on their table. Sincerely,

*Gary W. Dean, Treasurer
Salem Community Pantry, Inc.*

- **Offering Envelopes for 2014** are available on a table in Fellowship Hall. If you cannot locate your box, please call the Church Office.
- **Flower and Bulletin Donors** are needed for 2014. Vases are \$10 each and Bulletins are \$15 a Sunday. Please call to confirm standing orders.
- **Per Capita Apportionment** for 2014 is \$32 per Active Member.
- **Calendars for 2014**, compliments of Stark Memorial Funeral Home, are at Sanctuary entrances and outside the Church Office.
- **Upper Room** and **These Days** devotionals are at Sanctuary entrances and in hallway literature racks.

Please Keep Us Informed

Due to strengthened privacy laws and hospital attempts to comply with these laws, it is difficult to gain access to information regarding hospital patients. Therefore, if you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like to receive a pastoral visit, please contact the Church Office with such information. This will enable us to be more effective in our ministry to you. Thank you for your cooperation.



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The annual meeting of the Salem Community Pantry will be held Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Education building, 251 South Broadway. Everyone in the community is invited to hear the accomplishments of the past year and the plans for the upcoming year. Please join us to see how your donations are helping.

Youth News

Pres-Bees Youth Club:

Children Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 5 / Weds., 5-6:45 p.m.

January 15	Regular Gathering
January 22	Regular Gathering
January 26	Cherub Choir sings during Worship
January 29	Regular Gathering
February 2	Praise Choir sings during Worship

Mission Project — we are collecting paper products (napkins, paper plates, plastic silverware, paper towels, paper cups for hot and cold beverages), dish soap, toilet paper, and SOS pads for St. Vincent DePaul.

LOGOS:

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

January 26	Regular LOGOS
February 2	No LOGOS — Souper Bowl of Caring
February 9	Serving Meal at St. Vincent DePaul
February 14	(Friday) Lock-In
February 23	“Noodles and Doodles” Dinner Fundraiser

We will be collecting for the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 2. Proceeds to St. Vincent DePaul.



Donations needed for “Noodles and Doodles” Rigatoni Noodles, Ragu Traditional Sauce, Ground Beef, Parmesan Cheese, Garlic Toast, Salad, Ranch — French — Italian Dressings




“Soup to Go”



There has been talk of initiating a new project at First Presbyterian Salem. It seems our congregation loves soup -- especially home made soup -- which is the beginning point of the new project. “Soup to Go,” (the name given to the project until a better name is chosen) has been proposed for interested members who like to cook or are looking for an opportunity for fellowship. The idea is for a group of people (any and all ages, guys and gals) to get together maybe one Saturday a month in the church kitchen. They would make a different soup each month. The soup would then be available for sale the following day following the church service. Proceeds from the sales would be used for church projects or local missions. If you are interested in helping to organize or would like to help with this project, please contact the church office or get in touch with Penny Lippiatt.



January 2014

Happy Birthday!
Terry Rufer (28)

- 15 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 16 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107)**
- 18 / Sat 12:00 Volunteer Appreciation Lunch for
Salem Community Pantry (FH)
- 19 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:30 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 20 / Mon No Preschool
- 22 / Weds Preschool Vision Screening
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 24 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)
- 26 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Cherub Choir*
Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
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- 27 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 28 / Tues 11:00 C.O.M. South Area (110)
- 29 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 30 / Thurs Preschool Pajama Party
- 31 / Fri Preschool Pajama Parties

February

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

- 2 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Praise Choir*
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Souper Bowl of Caring Collection
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- 3 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 4 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 5 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 6 / Thurs 12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (110)
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
**7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),
Mission I and S (FH), Property (107),
Worship, Music and the Arts (109)**
- 7 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)
- 9 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
5:30 Valentine Potluck (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
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- 10 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 12 / Weds 9:15 February Circle (Salem Hills)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 13 / Thurs Preschool Valentine Party
7:00 Finance and Administration (110)
- 14 / Fri Preschool Valentine Parties
LOGOS Lock-In

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 — 1am

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