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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 20 — The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Annual Congregational/Corporation meeting following Worship

Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; John 2:1-11
Sermon: *Overflow*
Music: Cherub and Haviland Choirs
Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo



Sunday, January 27 — The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-12; Psalm 7-11, 14; Luke 4:14-30
Sermon: *Jesus Goes a-Meddlin'*
Music: Praise and Haviland Choirs
Liturgist: Mark Smith

Dear Friends,

As some of you have already realized, Easter is coming early this year – on March 31. Already I'm sure you may be asking, "So what?" One of the implications that I am noticing as I plan my preaching for the next few weeks is that we are left with a very small window of time between the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Lent.

The period of time between Christmas and Lent is usually devoted to an exploration of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. During those weeks, we usually hear the stories of how Jesus' first disciples were called. A story we'd be hearing were it not for the early arrival of Lent comes from the fifth chapter of the Gospel according to Luke:

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret...he got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"... Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

I am always struck by Simon Peter's reaction: fear. It can be a scary thing to follow Jesus. We aren't sure what he will ask of us. We aren't sure where he will lead us. The great good news is that Jesus tells us, as he told Simon Peter, "Don't be afraid." We need not fear, for as one popular saying has it, "If God brings you to it, God will lead you through it."

We have recently heard the story of Jesus' birth among us...the Word becoming flesh. We have heard of his baptism among sinners. We have been assured that he is with us, wherever we go and whatever we do. And he assures us still, "Don't be afraid."

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Salem Community Hospital — Ken Burrier, 218-1 (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), Margaret Gibbs, 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, 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, Marcia Shepard, Roland and Mary Smith (Susan Smith's parents), Kaylin Stafford (Mary Frances Breit's cousin's granddaughter), Scott Theil (Ann Theil's son), Lucy Works (surgery February 11)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn Skilled Nursing: Helen Hum (formerly Pleasant View North)
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: Ibbey 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
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 January 6, 2013	\$ 2,998.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2012	(-\$7,479.87)
December Revenues	\$60,065.82
December Expenses	\$29,377.68
General Fund Balance, December 31, 2012	\$23,208.27
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 2,650.00
Per Capita (\$31 / 2013 Goal: \$11,966)	\$ 314.00

Military

SGT Fennema, John T.
fennema33@yahoo.com
 Paul and Barb Fennema's son

Gorley, Matthew
 Home from deployment
 Scott and Debbie Boyd's nephew

LCPL Harp, Alex
 539 Richlands Rd
 Trenton NC 28585
 John and Joetta Tonti's grandson

SPC Hill, Zachary
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 Gloria Shafer's son

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In Memoriam
 Karl Bruce Zellers

Joined First Church
 April 12, 1959

Died
 January 12, 2013

"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 the family of Karl Zellers; to Sam and Julie Johnson and the family on the death of their niece, Jenna Prussia; and to Bruce and Karen Johnson and the family on the death of Karen's mother, Adda Paxson.

Thank You

Thank you for your generous donation to Habitat for Humanity of Northern Columbiana County. Your contribution will allow us to continue to build houses for deserving families in need of a simple, decent place to live. We truly are blessed to live in a community with people like you who believe that a hand-up is better than a hand-out.

Barbara Loudon,
 Executive Director

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you very much for the Walmart gift card I received during finals week. I really appreciate you thinking of me and helping me get through this tough college time. Thanks again.

George Smith

Thank you so much for the beautiful Poinsettia and to Joan Ferrier for her visit.

Suzanne Cain

Thank you for all the gift cards and monetary donations. We only need desserts now.

The ROC of Salem

The Annual Congregational/ Corporation meeting will be held this Sunday, January 20, 2013 immediately following morning Worship. Annual Reports are available at Sanctuary entrances, literature racks, and outside the Church Office.



**MARY FRANCES BREIT:
CELEBRATE HER FIRST 100 YEARS**



Welcome to a Reception on
Saturday, February 2 in
Fellowship Hall from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

This is a time for celebration and memories rather than gifts. Cards may be sent to
Mary Frances Breit
1194 Cleveland Street
Salem, OH 44460

Valentine Dinner
Sunday, February 10
5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall



The goal of the Congregational Care Committee 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 3, 1963

Sanctuary Seating — Because of the problem of adequate exit facility in the Sanctuary and in the interest of increasing the safety factor and convenience for the worshipping congregation, the chairs at the rear of the Sanctuary have been removed. Their removal will simplify the entering and leaving of the Sanctuary by worshipers without materially affecting the seating capacity for the two services. This change in effect moves everyone "one row forward"! Your cooperation in enabling us to provide as fully as we can for the total convenience and safety of the congregation is appreciated!

From the Messenger, January 17, 1963

For the first time in 100 years, the percentage of church members in the nation's population has registered a decrease! Church membership rose 1.4 per cent last year, while the population was rising 1.6 per cent. This means our evangelism index was **NEGATIVE!**

From the Messenger, January 21, 1973

1972 Annual Report Excerpts

New members received	50
Transferred to other churches	23
Losses by death	16
Other removals	<u>18</u>
Membership 1/1/73	995

~ 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.

January 16 — Regular Gathering

January 20 — Cherub Choir sings during Worship

January 23 — Critter Day! *Dress as an animal to celebrate God's wonderful creation!*

Forever Safe Farm Loose Change Collection starts

January 27 — Praise Choir sings during Worship

January 30 — Talking about *Bullying*

IBM Camp Fundraiser

Rose Sale — Individual, \$2 / Dozen, \$18

Delivery on Sunday, February 10

Sign up Sheet on Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall



LOGOS

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

Cheryl McDevitt has volunteered to continue leading the LOGOS Bell Choir. More information to follow.

The Dinner Sign Up Sheet is on the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. Please remember to sign up to provide a meal on a Sunday evening.

January:

20 — Regular LOGOS

27 — Movie Night

February:

3 — Super Bowl, NO LOGOS

10 — Valentine Potluck Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

17 — Regular LOGOS

24 — Tentative Dinner at St. Vincent DePaul

If you have any questions, give me a call, 330-482-4877, or send me an e-mail, beths@fpcsaalem.org.

Beth Schallick

January

- 16 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)
- 17 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107)**
- 20 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I 10)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) — *Cherub Choir*
Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship
4:00-6:30 LOGOS (FH)
- 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 (I 10)
- 24 / Thurs 12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (I 10)
- 25 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (I 10)
- 27 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I 10)
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 — *Bullying*
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)

February

Happy 100th Birthday!
Mary Frances Breit (2)

- 2 / Sat 2:00-4:00 Reception for
Mary Frances Breit's
100th Birthday (FH)



- 3 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I 10)
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)



- 4 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 5 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 6 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) — Bring Covered Dish
Speaker: *Salem Historical Society, Valentines*
5:00 Pres-Bees
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)
- 7 / Thurs **7:00 Committees: CE (106),
Mission I and S (FH), Property (107),
Worship (109)**
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (I 10)

- 8 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (I 10)

- 10 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I 10)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) — *Cherub Choir*
5:30 Valentine Potluck Dinner (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



- 11 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)

- 12 / Tues 9:00-4:00 Quilt Workshop (FH)

- 13 / Weds Preschool Valentine Parties (FH)
9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)
9:45 March Circle (I 10)
12:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
5:00 Pres-Bees — including
Family Ash Wednesday Service at 6:25
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
7:30 Haviland Choir (S)
7:30 Men's Bible Study (I 10)
8:00 Finance Committee (107)



- 14 / Thurs Preschool Valentine Parties (FH)

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