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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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## January 29 — The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Annual Congregational Meeting immediately after Worship



Scripture: Psalm 24; Ephesians 2:17-22; Mark 1:14-28  
Sermon: *Citizens of the Kingdom*  
Music: Praise and Haviland Choirs  
Liturgist: Cheryl Kekel



## February 5 — The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Scout Sunday and Souper Bowl Sunday

Proclamation  
of the Word:  
"Be My Escape"  
by LOGOS  
Youth

Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11; Mark 1:29-39  
Music: Cherub and Haviland Choirs  
Liturgists: Boy Scouts



Dear Friends,

I hope that you will be present next Sunday for our Annual Congregational Meeting. If you picked up the packet of reports this past Sunday, you will have noted the "breadth and length and height and depth" of ministry and mission being done by and through this congregation. It is an impressive record of people mobilized, services rendered, gifts shared, relationships strengthened, and missions accomplished!

On February 3 and 4, six or seven of our members will be joining me for our first introduction to the Spiritual Strategic Journey being made possible for us by Eastminster Presbytery. Church consultant George Bullard has been retained by the Presbytery to work closely with the five congregations who have chosen to be part of this experience. We will be assessing where we are and how we function as a congregation, and we'll be learning about ways to live into what Bullard calls "our full Kingdom potential." It's important (and hard!) to understand that this process is *not* about setting goals and reaching them, but allowing ourselves to be *pulled forward* into the future God is creating for us. I realize that sounds rather abstract, but the important point is that this is a journey *taken in reliance on God's guiding*. God has a vision for our church and discerning it will be our adventure! (And, Bullard says, we need to rediscover this vision in each new decade.)

Please hold our "team" in your prayers. The team is still being formed, so I'm not listing names this time; however, you'll be hearing much more about the Spiritual Strategic Journey in the weeks and months ahead.

Blessings,  
Meta

## Prayer Concerns

Salem Hospital — Lorin Shepard (ICU)  
Salem Hospital Skilled — Margaret Gibbs  
Community Care Center — Rosann Butler  
 (138) 200 E State St, Alliance OH 44601  
Others — Wavelene Arnold, Dan  
 Crawford (*Linda Crawford's brother*), Stella  
 Dominic (4830 Hickory Hollow,  
 Middletown OH 45042), Barbara Double  
 (*Ken Double's mother*), Brad and the Rev.  
 Bonnie Dutton, Nancy Fawcett, Morgan  
 Fennema (*Paul and Barb Fennema's*  
*granddaughter*), Ruth Garvey (*Angela*  
*Milligan's mother*), David George (*Mary*  
*Frances Breit's son-in-law*), Ruth Gould,  
 Alberta Herron (627 Kimberly Ln NE,  
 Atlanta GA 30306), Hayden Johnson:  
[www.caringbridge.org/visit/haydenjohnson](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/haydenjohnson),  
 John and Jean Martsof, Char McDevitt, Pat  
 Milligan (*Jim Milligan's mother*), Bill Phillips  
 (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Joan Reed (*Sue*  
*Skiba's mother*), Gene Shafer, Brian Smith  
 (*Dan Smith's grandson*), Roland Smith (*Susan*  
*Smith's father*), Karlie Stith (*Harvey and Sally*  
*Mason's great grand-daughter*), Teresa  
 Turney (*Dolly Millikin's daughter*)  
 Missionary Yvonne Goll and newly formed  
 non-profit "Saving Innocence", addressing  
 the issue of sex trafficking, ages 11-17, in  
 Los Angeles; [www.savinginnocence.org](http://www.savinginnocence.org).

## Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Jack  
 Hovis (406)  
Briarwood: Norman Pim, 601;  
 3700 Englewood Dr., Stow OH 44224  
Canterbury Place: Tom Smith, 508;  
 310 Fisk St., Pittsburgh PA 15201-1708  
Clare Bridge of Austintown: Bill Butler (*Pat*  
*Butler's husband*); 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd,  
 Austintown OH 44515  
Copeland Oaks: Chet Roof, 6202; Polly  
 Kendall, 8-103  
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109; Betty Potter,  
 202 (*Helen Hayes' mother*); Linda Tonti, 209  
 (*John Tonti's mother*)  
Crandall: Marilyn Clark, 185; Betsy Johnson,  
 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*)  
Essex 3: Ibby Dales, 211  
Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234  
Pleasant View North Retirement Center:  
 Helen Hum  
Sterling House: Dorothy Gibson  
Vista Center, Lisbon: Virginia Calabrese  
 (*Dawn Billham's grandmother*)  
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201;  
 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA  
 15601

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## Financial Report

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Envelope Income received January 1	\$ 7,214.00
Envelope Income received January 8	\$ 6,279.00
Envelope Income received January 15	\$ 2,055.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2011	(\$24,394.99)
December Revenues	\$73,662.59
December Expenses	\$25,702.62
General Fund Balance, December 31, 2011	\$23,564.98
Per Capita (\$30 / 2012 Goal: \$12,090)	\$ 900.00

## Armed Forces

- † SGT Fennema, John T. (*Paul and Barb Fennema's son*);  
 2/9 Echo Company  
 Unit 74120  
 FPO AE 09510-4120  
[fennema33@yahoo.com](mailto:fennema33@yahoo.com)
- † 1LT Jon Halverstadt  
 C. Co. 403rd CA BN  
 FOB Salerno  
 APO AE 09314
- † SPC Zachary Hill (*Gloria Shafer's son*); [Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil](mailto:Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil)  
 I-17 IN PO Box 339554  
 Joint Base Lewis & McChord  
 Washington 98433
- † SSGT Ryan Stith (*Harvey and Sally Mason's grandson*)  
 Kilo Company / MCT SOI  
 Camp Pendleton CA 92055

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Jason and Amy Cannon and the family on the recent death of Jason's grandfather, Harold Cannon; and to the family of Janie Mowery and close friends Steve and Marilyn Ward.

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Dear Board of Deacons,  
 I wanted to thank you very much for the finals week care package. Everything came in handy for different situations, and luckily I actually just ran out of some of the items, so it came just in time. I appreciate what you do for college students, and graduate students like me. I think it is a huge stress reliever to get a surprise package right before finals week, and even more of a stress reliever to see the goodies inside. Thank you again and have a blessed new year!

Phil Smith

A note of thanks from the Red Cross for the 9 units of blood collected at the Blood Drive on January 16th in Fellowship Hall. Mark Zocolo won the \$30 Gift Card from Dutch Haus Restaurant in Columbiana.



Congratulations to Jim and Adrien LaRue on the birth of Ella Jean LaRue on January 9th.

Congratulations to Dan and Dawn (Bradley) Filler on the birth of twin girls, Rose and Elizabeth, on January 18th. Congratulations to grandmother Brenda Bradley.



## Super Bowl Sub Sale Sunday, February 5

Donation Sign Up Sheet in Fellowship Hall  
Italian Sub / Ham and Cheese Sub - \$5.00 each  
*JBM Fundraiser*



Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors on **Sunday, February 5**, and join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. All of the money collected is donated to a charity selected by the participant – none of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to “love our neighbors” by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on February 5.

## Valentine



### POT LUCK



**Sunday, February 12**  
5:30 in Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite covered dish to share  
Entertainment by Gary and Cheryl Kekel  
*Please bring a jar of peanut butter for the Salem Community Pantry.*

### BULLETINS — OPEN DATES:

February 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18, April 1, 15, 22, 29,  
May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17; \$15 a Sunday

### FLOWERS — OPEN DATES:

February 5, 26, March 11, 18, April 15, 29,  
June 3, July 8, 15, 29; \$10 a vase

*Salem Community Pantry is in urgent need of canned soup, small jars of peanut butter, and personal hygiene items. Place items on stage.*



## Your Session at Work

*The Session of First Presbyterian Church, meeting on the very snowy evening of January 19, 2012 with a quorum present...*

- elected corporate officer for 2012: President, Lorin Shepard; Vice President, Helen Hayes; Treasurer, Marilyn Ward; Assistant Treasurer and Investment Subcommittee, Paul Fennema
- approved a balanced budget for 2012
- commended the Investment Committee and Portfolio Consultant for their highly competent work
- approved annual reports from church organizations as submitted
- heard that Boy Scout Troop 3 had participated and placed second in the Klondike Derby on the previous weekend
- approved the collection of the Souper Bowl of Caring offering by the LOGOS Youth on February 5, when they will also present the message and the children’s sermon in coordination with Scout Sunday
- approved the date of Sunday, February 12 for the Valentine’s Potluck Dinner and Dessert Auction, with proceeds going to LOGOS and to the purchasing of peanut butter for the Salem Community Pantry
- scheduled the next meeting of the Session for February 23 due to a scheduling conflict
- approved the date of March 18 for a Soup and Bread Lunch following worship

## Our Church History ...

### From the Messenger, January 3, 1932:

**The Women’s Missionary Society** reached their entire quota of sheets, blankets, bed gowns, and other necessities required for the Indian Training School at Tuscon, Arizona.

### ATTENDANCE

Two hundred and forty people were present last Sunday. If you were one of them (and we hope you were), will you be in your regular place again this Lord’s Day? We are counting on you. Also, you will be doing a distinctly Christian act if you smile and shake hands with the stranger nearest you.

### From the Messenger, January 6, 1952:

### HOW ABOUT IT, PARENTS?

A new quarter is beginning in our church school. New magazines will be in your hands, and new work will be under way in the classes. Why not resolve, at the beginning of this new year, to take an added and more vital interest in the work of your youngsters? Follow the study of the classes by keeping up with the lessons in your parents’ magazine. Discuss the lessons with your youngsters. Help us to develop a real program of Christian Faith and Life in the home and the church.

# January

24 / Tues 9-3 Preschool Vision Screening (109/110)

25 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

26 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F  
11:00 Staff Meeting (Church Office)

29 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - Praise Choir  
11:30 Annual Congregational Meeting  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



30 / Mon 5:00 Book Study (107)  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

31 / Tues 7:00 Book Study (107)



# February

Happy Birthday!  
Mary Frances Breit (2)



1 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) -  
Piano Music by Vince Anderson  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study



2 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F  
**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)

5 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - Cherub Choir  
JBM Super Bowl Sub Sale  
6:00 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby (FH)

Boy  
Scout  
Sunday

6 / Mon 5:00 Book Study (107)  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

7 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)  
7:00 Book Study (107)

8 / 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)

9 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F  
**7:00 Finance Committee (107)**

12 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - Praise Choir  
5:30 Valentine Potluck Dinner (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



13 / Mon Preschool Valentine Parties (FH) - M/Tu  
5:00 Book Study (107)  
**6:30 Board of Deacons (107)**  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:30 Congregational Care (107)**

14 / Tues 7:00 Book Study (107)

15 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

16 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F

19 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In/Prayer (FH)  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - Communion  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)

## 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.\*