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Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School for all Ages
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

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Sunday, January 29 - The 4th Sunday after Epiphany Annual Meeting after Worship

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8
I Corinthians 1:25-31
Matthew 5:1-12
Sermon: *Blessed or Burdened?*
Liturgist: Mike Newman
Music: Haviland Choir

POOR IN SPIRIT
THOSE WHO MOURN
THE MEEK
HUNGRY & THIRSTY
THE MERCIFUL
PURE IN HEART
THE PEACEMAKERS
PERSECUTED
INSULTED

Sunday, February 5 The 5th Sunday after Epiphany Souper Bowl of Caring

Scripture: Isaiah 58:2-12
Psalm 112:1-6
Matthew 5:13-20
Sermon: *How to See in the Dark*
Liturgist: Kim Double
Music: Cherub and Haviland Choirs



Dear Friends,

As you read this, I have been away for a week, but I will be returning this Thursday, January 26. Please note that our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 29 immediately after worship. The Confirmation Class has been asked to be present for that meeting, since after they are confirmed they will be full, active, voting members of the congregation and we want them – and you! – to be informed. After the meeting, the Class will gather for lunch and a conversation about how our Church is governed.

On Monday, January 30, Steve and I will host an informational gathering about a pilgrimage to Israel in October. This will be held at our home at 7 p.m., and we'll try not to keep you for more than an hour. I hope you understand that in publicizing this trip, I am not trying to "sell" you something. But our trip in 2016 reaffirmed our conviction that such a trip is an unparalleled experience that enriches faith and the understanding of Scripture immeasurably, and we truly feel called to share that experience with others.

Please keep our Guatemala travelers in your prayers as we prepare to depart on February 17. Our travelers are Lauren Arnold, Jody Karmazin, Michael Karmazin, Mark Smith, James Gue (a friend of Mark's who did not participate in or benefit from our fundraising efforts), Jennifer Mohr Zamarelli (who is, of course, a child of this congregation), and myself. Please also pray for the smooth and safe arrival of the Rev. Cathy Ulrich as Eastminster Presbytery's General Presbyter/Stated Clerk on February 15.

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Denny Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Ariel (*Dollie Millikin's relative*), Sandy Byers (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Berneda Fitch, Dwight Guthrie (*Meta Cramer's cousin*), Richard Hack (*Kathie Baker's nephew*), Charles Hamilton (*Rich and Pat Eichler's nephew*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Sue Kyser, Hannah Lanza-Roth (*granddaughter of Cheryl and Gary Kekel*), Brenda Lipp, Ricki Looser (*Jan Jones' friend*), Russell Loudon, Larry Lozier, Mary Luecke (*Barb Loudon's mother*), Anne Lutz (*Jan Jones' friend*), John Martsof, Don Palmer (*Rich Eichler's uncle*), Gary Prior (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), John (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Clarence and Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's parents*), Charity Ricciardi (*Carol Ricciardi's daughter-in-law*), Maria Ricciardi (*Carol Ricciardi's mother-in-law*), Gary Richards, Marie Robinson (*Kim Double's mother*), Dr. Marilyn Roderick (*Juanita Latham's daughter*), Steve Rozeski (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Leroy Sanor (*Beverly Mosher's neighbor*), Gene Shafer, Tom Shafer and Carol Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's husband, mother*), Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's daughter*), Jerry Toot (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Ronald White, Anna Williams (*John Barnett's friend's mother*), Ruth Wright (*Ann Sandrock's friend*), Kristina Yonker (*Barbara Yonker's daughter-in-law*)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: MaryLou Timmins
Birchaven Village: Jean Leimbach, 124; 15100 Birchaven Ln, Findlay OH 45840
Brookdale Salem: Pat Butler, 305; Dorothy Gibson, 303
Brookdale Austintown: Henry and Dottie Zimmerman; 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd 44515
Courtyard: Janice Olmstead, 301
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251
Inn at Ironwood: Norman and Jeanne Smith, 106; 6699 Ironwood Blvd, Canfield OH 44406

Envelope Income received January 1	\$ 2,565.00
Envelope Income received January 8	\$
Envelope Income received January 15	\$ 5,160.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2016	\$ 8,745.84
December Revenues	29,020.47
December Expenses	32,698.47
General Fund Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 5,067.84
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 716.00

Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221; Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059

Lake Vista at Cortland: Margaret Sheets, Apt 105; 303 North Mecca St, Cortland OH 44410

Village at Westerville: Bruno and Kay Stanga; 215 Huber Village Blvd, C100, Westerville OH 43081

Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601

Whispering Pines: Rolin Herron, 126; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Coffee Hour Reminder

Thanks to all our ladies and gentlemen who are so willing to help with Coffee Hour. A reminder of the date you chose:

Jan. 29: Lori Mickey, Jayne Bricker
 Feb. 5: Tricia Jackson, Janet Chumney
 Feb. 12: Amy Cannon, Emily Davis

Please remember to check ahead of time for creamer and punch in the refrigerator. There is some leftover quite often. Thanks again for serving. Any questions, please call me.

Janet Chumney
 Coordinator of Cookies

Presbyterian Women's Association

January Circle - meeting on January 30 at 7 p.m. at the church.
April Circle - meeting on January 30 at 6 p.m. at BB Roaners (Contact Carol Ricciardi)

Thank you

I want to thank the church for the lovely Christmas Poinsettia delivered by Deacon Kathie Baker.

Goldie and Ken Burrier

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers delivered by Paul and Barb Fennema. We had a lovely visit. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Ethel Clark

YARN FOR GUATEMALA

We have learned that our mission partners in Guatemala have an active prayer shawl ministry. They would be glad to receive gifts of yarn of all colors and types, and partially used skeins are perfectly fine. If you have any yarn that you no longer need, please consider donating it so that we can take it with us in February.



The Annual Congregational / Corporation Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, immediately following Worship. Annual Reports for 2016 are available at Sanctuary entrances and outside the Church Office.

Soup-to-Go

Sunday, January 29



Volunteers who can help make Chicken Tortellini soup this Saturday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m. should contact Barbara Yonker or the Church Office. Soup to Go will be available next Sunday, January 29 immediately following Worship for \$5 a quart. Remember to return glass jars and lids so they can be used again.

DAYTIMERS - Wednesday, February 1
12 Noon / Fellowship Hall
Bring Covered Dish to Share
Program:
Australia by Carol Ricciardi



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

More than 20 years ago, The Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."



Since that day, more than \$90 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need. Be part of this movement on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, that is sharing God's love with those in need. Our youth will be raising funds for The Banquet in Salem. Please give generously.

Join Us for a Potluck! Sunday, February 12



Stay after worship and join us as we make Valentine crafts and have a Silent Auction of Desserts. Bring some guests, bring your contribution to the table, and enjoy a time of FUN and great food. Monies raised will go to The Salem Community Pantry and our LOGOS youth. This event is sponsored by the Congregational Care Committee.

Youth News

Sunday School: 9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Teachers - Kim Double, Julie Mackall, Cara Stephens

Pres-Bees Youth Club: 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays
Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 / Choir, Lesson, Craft, Dinner

January 25	Regular Gathering Soft Tacos, Nachos/Salsa, Apples
January 29	Praise Choir sings during Worship
February 1	Regular Gathering Hot Dogs, French Fries, Carrots
February 5	Cherub Choir sings during Worship
February 8	Regular Gathering Macaroni and Cheese, Peas, Applesauce
February 15	Regular Gathering Chicken Sandwiches, Chips, Fruit Cocktail

LOGOS: LOGOS at 5:00 p.m. / Youth in Grades 6-12
LOGOS Bell Choir at 4:15 in Room 200.

January 29	Regular Meeting
February 5	Regular Meeting
February 12	No Meeting - Serving at Potluck after Worship
February 19	Possible Outing

**Valentine's Day
Candles & Candy
Fundraiser**
(Watch for details)



Mickey Buck will be in Honolulu, Hawaii February 4-12 to participate in a **Habitat for Humanity Global Village Build**. Mickey is paying for her own flight, but can accept donations to cover lodging, transportation and meals in Hawaii. In addition, a portion of the money raised will go toward the building of the Habitat home.

Homelessness in Hawaii remains a reality for a considerable number of individuals and families. The number of homeless has been increasing at a rate of 6% per year. The median house price in parts of Hawaii is \$275,000, which is not affordable to most of the local workforce. In the most rural areas, almost 20% of the dwellings listed by the Community Development Corporation consist of tents, yurts, lava tubes, and cargo containers.

You can donate directly to Mickey, or you can donate through the Church and your gift will be properly channeled to her. A gift of whatever size will let Mickey know that her church family is "with her" on this very worthwhile adventure.

January

Happy Birthday!
Terry Rufer (28)

- 25 / Weds Preschool Vision Screening
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 26 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)**
- 28 / Sat 9:00 Making 'Soup-to-Go' (K)
Contact Barbara Yonker to help
- 29 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15-10:00 Sunday School
9:15 Five Guys Ensemble (200)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - Praise Choir
Annual Congregational Meeting
Confirmation Class following Annual Meeting
Soup to Go - Chicken Tortellini
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
5:00 LOGOS (107)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)
- 30 / Mon 6:00 April Circle - BB Rooners -
Contact Carol Ricciardi
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 January Circle (107)



February

Happy Birthday!
Jim Hollinger (7)

- 1 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - Australia, Carol Ricciardi
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)
- 2 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),
Mission I and S (FH), Property (107),
Worship (109)**
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)

- 3 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)
- 5 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15-10:00 Sunday School
9:15 Five Guys Ensemble (200)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
11:30 Recycling Interest Group (107)
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
5:00 LOGOS (107)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)
- 6 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 8 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
6:45 Finance and Administration (110)
- 12 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15-10:00 Sunday School
9:15 Five Guys Ensemble (200)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - Carillon Ringers
11:30 Valentine Potluck (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 13 / Mon Preschool Valentine Parties
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 14 / Tues Preschool Valentine Party
- 15 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)
- 16 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)**
- 17 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)
- 19 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15-10:00 Sunday School
9:15 Five Guys Ensemble (200)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
4:15 LOGOS Bells (200)
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:

Peanut Butter, Plastic Grocery Bags
Place items at north entrance.

Worship Schedule on Cable TV Channel 9

Sunday – 1 and 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

Services can also be seen on You Tube: FPCSALEM