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The Presbyterian Messenger



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)
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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Sunday, January 31 — The 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8;
Luke 5:1-11
Sermon: *Fearful of Following?*
Liturgist: Marilyn Ward
Music: Haviland Choir, Carillon Ringers

Sunday, February 7 — The Transfiguration of the Lord Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Scripture: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99;
Luke 9:28-43
Sermon: *The Glorious and the Gritty*
Music: Haviland Choir



Dear Friends,

On February 7, we will celebrate the Transfiguration. Several years ago, on Transfiguration Sunday, I quoted Dr. John Burgess, who teaches that the story of Jesus' Transfiguration (see Luke 9:28-36) is a story about learning to see. "If we can learn to see, we can penetrate the spiritual realm in the same way the disciples saw the transfigured Jesus." Burgess went on to suggest that "what happens when we worship is that we learn a different way of seeing what is around, beside, inside us, so that everything becomes a reflection of the beauty and holiness of God." What gets transformed... is our sight. We too ...are transfigured. Seeing God's beauty and holiness and work among us is what worship is about.

I believe that we will see God's beauty, holiness and work at our Annual Congregational Meeting, which will be held this Sunday immediately after worship. We will receive quite a number of reports on our work during 2015 and will be electing additional officers. Please try to be present to hear about how the Holy Spirit is moving among us, and if you are the author of one of the reports, please be present and available to answer any questions!

The Season of Lent begins early this year -- on Ash Wednesday, February 10. The evening service will begin at 6 p.m. On Wednesday, February 17, we are invited to participate in a joint Lenten service at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on State Street. Emmanuel Lutheran Church will also be worshipping with us, and all three pastors will share in leadership. Additionally, I am planning a film series for adults on March 1, March 8, and March 15. Please let me know if you are interested.

In the next edition of *The Messenger*, I will have further details about a Biblical pilgrimage to Israel this fall. The Rev. David Joachim, the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Boardman, is planning this trip and urged Steve and me to join him. We in turn wish to invite you to consider this opportunity.

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Denny Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Eddie Broome (*Sally Collins' brother-in-law*), Sandy Byers (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Kristina Cicoria-Yonker (*Barbara Yonker's daughter-in-law*), Darby Jeffries Colian, Gary and Sandy Colian (*Kim Colian's in-laws*), Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Nancy Fawcett, Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's grand-daughter, daughter-in-law*), Rev. Dick Ferris, Sandi Flake (*Mark Flake's wife*), Charles Hamilton (*Rich and Pat Eichler's nephew*), Dannie Hendricks (*Sandi Hendricks' husband*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Rita Hovis, Ilona (*Kathie Baker's friend*), Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Adrienne Leiendecker (*Dick and Eileen Shanker's neighbor's daughter*), Russell Loudon, Casey Martinez (*Colleen Chappell's niece*), Jim Munholland (*Carol Ricciardi's friend*), Mike Murphy, Dan Palmer (*Rich Eichler's uncle*), Presbytery Mission Design Team, Lee Schrum (*Carol Ricciardi's brother-in-law*), Gene Shafer, Tom Shafer (*Gloria's husband*), Carol Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's mother*), Julie Smith (*Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law*), Bob Stroble (*Member of Eastminster Presbytery Committee on Ministry*), Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's daughter*), Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Nelson Works (*Lucy Works' brother*), Ruth Wright (*Ann Sandrock's friend*)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: MaryLou Timmins
Birchaven Village: Jean Leimbach, 124; 15100 Birchaven Ln, Findlay OH 45840
Blossom: Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's mother*)
Brookdale Salem: Pat Butler, 502; Dorothy Gibson, 303
Brookdale Austintown: Henry and Dottie Zimmerman; 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd 44515
Courtyard: Janice Olmstead, 301
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251
Essex III: Ibby Dales, 215
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059

Envelope Income received January 3, 2016	\$ 3,342.50
Envelope Income received January 10, 2016	\$ 1,815.35
Envelope Income received January 17, 2016	\$ 5,677.50
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2015	\$(16,163.14)
December Revenues	62,383.02
December Transfer In	2,300.00
December Expenses	(27,702.09)
General Fund Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 20,817.79
Per Capita (\$32.15 per Active Member)	\$ 868.85

Village at Westerville: Bruno and Kay Stanga; 215 Huber Village Blvd, C100, Westerville OH 43081 (effective January 30)
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601
Whispering Pines: Rolin Herron, 146; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Military

FENNEMA, JOHN T. SGT
fennema33@gmail.com
 Paul and Barb Fennema's son



Many thanks to Joan Ferrier for bringing the flowers to us over Christmas. We appreciated Joan's visit and the flowers very much.

Bruno and Kay Stanga

(Please note their new address at the top of this column.)

To the members of the First Presbyterian Church,
 As we start a new year at the Salem Community Pantry, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your very generous support during the past year.

Gary W. Dean, Treasurer

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to Jess and Berneda Fitch who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on January 21.

‡ In Memoriam ‡
Mary Frances (Ressler) Breit

United with First Church:
April 10, 1925

Died:
January 19, 2016

‡ In Memoriam ‡
Everett G. Dennison, Jr.

United with First Church:
September 21, 1980

Died:
January 22, 2016

"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 Mary Frances Breit, and to Karen Dennison and the family on the death of her husband, Everett Dennison.

Youth (and Others) in the News

Dana, Cody, and Andre Tonkinson received the Superior Rating of I at Solo Ensemble Contest in Massillon, Ohio on January 16.

(Please make the Church Office aware when you or someone you know in our congregation has achieved something or has an event coming up. Thank you!)

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church,
meeting on January 21, 2016...

- Approved the recommendation of the Christian Education Committee that LOGOS Youth return to the New Wilmington Mission Conference this summer.
- Heard that LOGOS Youth will be making soup during their February 12 Lock-In to be sold on Sunday, February 14, and approved the proceeds of that soup sale going to the Youth Trip Fund.
- Approved the church budget for 2016.
- Approved inviting Dr. Calvin Taylor to present "A Sermon in Song" during worship on Sunday, May 15, 2016 and to hold a concert open to the public that afternoon in our sanctuary.
- Approved our Church's participation in a joint worship service with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity.
- Heard that the Nominating Committee will be presenting more names for election at the January 31 Annual Congregational Meeting.
- Approved the dates of June 23-27 and September 2-11, as vacation days for Rev. Meta Cramer, and approved the Rev. Ray Banner as pulpit supply for June 26.
- Approved the dates of October 28-November 6 as Continuing Education for Rev. Meta Cramer, and granted her permission to invite members of this congregation to join the Rev. David Joachim, the Rev. Steve Cramer and herself on a Biblical pilgrimage to Israel.
- Heard that 6 members of the Church would be attending Eastminster Presbytery's Officer Training Event on Saturday, January 23.
- Approved holding the Ash Wednesday Service on February 10 at 6:00 p.m.

POT LUCK



Join Us for a Potluck!

Sunday, February 21

Immediately following Worship

Entertainment by Cheryl & Gary Kekel

We are looking for a few people who might donate desserts for the Betty Rance Memorial Silent Auction.



Styrofoam Boxes and TNR

"Corkie" was so excited when I called her at the TNR (trap, neuter, return) program in Warren to inform her that our congregation had 15 Styrofoam boxes to donate to their program. What a great way to make use of these Styrofoam boxes and to keep them out of landfills. By directing these boxes to them, we are supporting this wonderful program in its effort to control the stray and feral cat population. We are helping to save them from euthanasia, and we are helping to provide them shelter during these cold winter months. If any more boxes come available, please let Phyllis know. I will arrange for a delivery of them to TNR at the end of February or early March.

Youth News

Sunday School:

Teachers: Kim Double, Julie Mackall, Cara Stephens
9:15 a.m. - Classes start at 9:30 a.m.

Pres-Bees Youth Club: Children ages 4 through Grade 5
Wednesdays, 5:00-6:30 p.m. / Worship, Praise, Prayer, Dinner

January 27	Regular Gathering
February 3	Regular Gathering
February 10	Regular Gathering

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

January 31	1:00-3:30 Basketball / SCC / Kids vs Parents
February 7	Regular Meeting
February 12	Lock In (Friday)
February 21	Helping with Potluck after Worship

50 Envelopes

- 50 Envelopes will be displayed in Fellowship Hall and numbered 1-50. Each envelope will contain an index card with the profile of one of our LOGOS Youth and one blank card. We ask that you make a one-time donation in the amount of money as the number on the envelope (\$1,2,3.....\$50). If all 50 are returned, LOGOS will raise \$1275.00.
- The church member who wishes to choose an envelope will have a blank index card to fill out with his/her profile to include hobbies, organizational memberships, sports interests, community interests, favorite TV shows, etc. You keep the Youth profile, return the envelope with your donation and your profile to the LOGOS Youth on Sunday mornings.
- PRAY for your LOGOS Youth, take in one of their games, performances, or shows. Share your interests and support for them. In return, your Youth will Pray, lend an occasional helping hand, assist with community events, and be nurtured by your wisdom and experience, becoming spiritual leaders of the future church.

Presbyterian Women in Eastminster Presbytery

The Coordinating Team for the Presbyterian Women in Eastminster Presbytery is asking for your assistance. Family and health concerns have resulted in team positions that are vacant as the new year begins - Moderator, Moderator Elect, Secretary, Peace-Justice-Hunger. Please consider serving on the team and/or asking others to consider doing so. Job descriptions will be provided upon request and the remaining team members will assist new members through the transition. The Presbyterian Women in Eastminster Presbytery have a rich history of service and while our role is changing, we still fulfill a need to work for the needs of women, children, family, church and community. If we cannot find women willing to serve by the Spring Gathering, April 24, 2016 at the First Presbyterian Church of Niles, the organization will disband. Please contact Goldie Burrier, who is at present the Communicator and serves as the liaison between the Presbytery, Synod and P.C. (U.S.A.), for further information.

January

Happy Birthday!
Terry Rufer (28)

- 27 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:30 Carillon Ringers (S)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)
- 30 / Sat 12:00 Salem Community Pantry
Luncheon for Volunteers (FH)
- 31 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (I 10)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - *Carillon Ringers*
11:30 Annual Congregational Meeting (S)
1:00-3:30 LOGOS: Basketball at Community
Center, Kids vs Parents
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)

February

Happy Birthday!
Jim Hollinger (7)

- 1 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (I 07)
- 2 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 3 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - *Lauren Arnold* from
Salem Alumni Association
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:30 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)
- 4 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night: CE (I 06),
Mission I and S (FH), Property (I 07)
Worship, Music, Arts (I 09)**
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (I 10)
- 5 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (I 07)

7 / Sun



- 9:00 Adult Bible Study (I 10)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship —
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
5:15 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
6:45 LOGOS Bells (200)



8 / Mon

- 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (I 07)

**10 / Ash
Wednesday**

- 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)

11 / Thurs

- 7:00 Finance & Administration (I 10)**

12 / Fri

- LOGOS Lock-In

14 / Sun

- 9:00 Adult Bible Study (I 10)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
LOGOS selling Vegetable Beef Soup
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

15 / Mon

- 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

17 / Weds

- 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:30 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)

18 / Thurs

- 7:00 Regular Session Meeting (I 07)**

19 / Fri

- 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (I 07)

21 / Sun



- 9:00 Adult Bible Study (I 10)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
9:15 LOGOS Bells (200)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
11:30 Potluck / Dessert Silent Auction (FH)
Entertainment by Cheryl & Gary Kekel
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 Pinewood Derby (FH)

22 / Mon

- LOGOS serving The Banquet of Salem
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 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 & 9 am / Monday — 1 am
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 / *[Must have Digital Box to View.](#)