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The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School - *Classes at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

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February 1 — The 4th Sunday after Epiphany / Souper Bowl of Caring

Scripture: Psalm 95:1-7
Colossians 3:12-17
Mark 1:21-28
Sermon: *Words Matter*
Liturgist: Carol Ricciardi
Music: Haviland Choir



February 8 — The 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-7, 11
Mark 1:29-39
Sermon: *Spared for Service*
Liturgists: Boy Scout Troop 3
Music: Praise and Haviland Choirs,
and Carillon Ringers

Dear Friends,

Many thanks to all of you who ventured out for our Annual Congregational Meeting. Although I made some comments about our exceptional Finance and Administration Committee, I intended no slight to our other wonderful officers and committee members. We are so blessed in so many ways! Just to reiterate some comments from my own annual report:

I sincerely believe that the Holy Spirit continued to move in our midst during 2014 to renew and sustain us.

- Our new church sign is up and running, thanks to the many contributors to this project and the countless hours of work done by the Property and Maintenance Committee.
- The Carillon Ringers have returned, thanks to the leadership of Cheryl McDevitt – who is now officially a member of our staff!
- Big Backyard continued to thrive despite the death of its founder, Denise Herron Weingart. Please do read Jody Karmazin and others picked up the torch in loving memory of Denise and in loving outreach to our community.
- Our goal of creating “interest groups” began to be met, largely due to the energetic efforts of Carol Ricciardi and the Congregational Care Committee. The “Soup to Go” project envisioned by Penny Lippiatt became a great occasion for fellowship in the kitchen. And this Church – which has already been careful about the use of creation’s resources – has become more diligent in doing so as the Recycling group continues to educate us. Another new initiative was a day of shopping to support small local businesses.
- We celebrated Phyllis Garlock’s 30th anniversary of employment here and maybe even surprised her a bit.
- We were an Apostles Build church, contributing significantly to the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home.

Should you ever wonder what else *you* might do, here are some modest suggestions:

- Join a church committee – you do not need to be a deacon or elder to do so
- Contact Kim Double or Jayne Bricker about sharing a skill with LOGOS or Pres-Bees – or come, even once, and eat dinner with the kids!
- Keep in touch with our homebound members; telephone calls are fine.
- Let us know of those who are ill or in other need. Never assume that we already know!
- Be sure that information you share is accurate; the Office is just a phone call away.
- Above all, hold our church in prayer, that we may reflect God’s love and light to the world!

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Darla Allen (Kevin Chumney's sister), Marianne Barr (Debbie Blair's mother), Eddie Broome (Sally Collins' brother-in-law), Darby Jeffries Colian, Audrey Crawford (Linda Crawford's sister in law), Matthew Drake (Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law), Berneda Fitch, Debbie Goulish (Meta Cramer's friend), Sandi Hendricks, Tom Henry (Susan Merry's brother in law), Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Bill Jones, Gary Kekel, Sue Kyser, Jim Laughlin, Jean Leimbach (15100 Birchaven Ln Apt 129, Findlay OH 45840-7766), Dolly Millikin, John Peterson (Dawn Peterson's husband), Sam Pridon, Tracy Rees (Penny Judge's daughter), Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Scot and Rory Robertson, Marie Robinson (Kim Double's mother), Dr. Marilyn Roderick (Juanita Latham's daughter), Gene Shafer, Gloria Shafer's stepfather, Lorin Shepard, Sue Sinclair, Julie Smith (Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law), Jana Stitle (Steve and Kathy Stewart's daughter), Bob Stroble (Member of Eastminster Presbytery Committee on Ministry), Lana Tonkinson (Ed and Melissa's daughter), Robert Wheatley (Gloria Shafer's co-worker), Nelson Works (Lucy Works' brother)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum
Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Mary Smith (Susan Smith's mother)
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109
Crandall: Sally Darling; Betsy Johnson, 251 (Tom Johnson's wife)
Essex III: Ibbey Dales, 211
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Sterling House: Pat Butler; 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 4	\$ 4,450.00
Envelope Income received January 11	\$ 2,595.00
Envelope Income received January 18	\$ 3,375.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2014	\$ 7,360.56
December Revenues	48,689.68
December Transfers	1,883.37
December Expenses	(33,189.97)
General Fund Balance, December 31, 2014	\$24,743.64
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 2,504.00
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 1,796.00

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



The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Jim and Angie Milligan and the family on the death of Jim's mother, Pat Milligan. A Memorial Service will be held at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church on Saturday, January 31 at 2:00 p.m. (229 South Market Street, New Wilmington PA 16142).

The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Kevin and Janet Chumney and the family on the death of Kevin's uncle and aunt, Doyle and Lillian Chumney.



If you would like your e-mail address listed in the membership directory (no pictures), please call the Church Office or send an e-mail to phyllis@fpcsaalem.org. New booklets will be available the first part of February.



Thank You

To my church family,
 I wish to express a thank you with appreciation for all the caring thoughts, deeds, and prayers sent to us during Jerry's illness and passing.

Mary Lepping,
 Diana Allen and Patti Velky

As we start a new year at the Salem Community Pantry, we would like to extend a big Thank-You for your very generous support during the past year. Unfortunately, the need for the Pantry continues to grow. Keeping the facility operating for the public three times a week and to keep the food stocked on the shelves is a constant challenge. Your contribution is very much appreciated and has helped those struggling to put food on their table.

The annual meeting of the Salem Community Pantry will be held Thursday, February 12, 2015 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. Again, thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

Sincerely,
 Gary W. Dean, Treasurer



Valentine Potluck



Sunday, February 8 at 5 p.m.

- Night of Crafts
- Meal of Pasta and Pizza
- Silent Auction of Desserts

Bring guests and your contribution to the table.

Enjoy a time of FUN and great food!

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church,
meeting on January 22, 2015...

- Heard that the Session minutes of 2012 and 2013 had been approved without exception at the Presbytery review
- Elected Carol Ricciardi as the Elder Commissioner (and Alice Jackson as the Alternate) to a Special Meeting of Eastminster Presbytery on January 25
- Approved combining the evening Ash Wednesday service with the Pres-Bees service at 6:15 p.m.
- Scheduled "communion and usher training" for new (and other) officers after worship on Sunday, February 8
- Approved the revised Personnel Policy/Procedure Manual
- Approved a position description for Director of Bell Choirs and hired Cheryl McDevitt for the position, effective January 1, 2015
- Approved January 26-30 as vacation days for the pastor
- Heard that Troop 3 has recognized its second Eagle Scout in 2015
- Approved the 2015 Operating Budget
- Heard that a Recycling bin will be relocated from city property to the area by our garage very soon
- Parish lists were distributed and Ruling Elders were asked to contact the Deacon with whom they are partnered
- At the request of Eastminster Presbytery, approved the hosting of an afternoon or evening meeting at the church for a presentation by Elmarie and Scott Parker, Mission Co-Workers in the Middle East on March 8, 2015. Rev. Meta Cramer noted that Elmarie had been extremely helpful several months ago in answering some questions about mission workers in the Middle East.
- Approved placing a letter in *The Messenger* including information about all proposed amendments coming out of the 221st General Assembly, and inviting written responses from the members of the congregation.
- Engaged in intercessory prayer for situations of joy and sadness in the church and community.

Youth News

Sunday School:

9:15 a.m. — Gathering Time / 9:30-10:15 a.m. — Classes

Pres-Bees Youth Club:

Youth age 4 through Grade 5 / Wednesdays, 5:00-6:45 p.m.

January 28	Regular Gathering <i>Soft tacos, Nachos/salsa, and Apples</i>
February 4	Regular Gathering <i>Hot Dogs, Chips, Vegetable Mix</i>
February 8	Praise Choir sings in Worship
February 11	Regular Gathering — <i>Valentine Craft Night</i> <i>Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Applesauce</i>
February 18	Regular Gathering — <i>Pizza and Carrots</i> <i>Please join us for a Family Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Worship Service at 6:15 p.m.</i>
February 22	Cherub Choir sings in Worship
February 25	Regular Gathering <i>Chicken Nuggets, French Fries & Corn</i>

LOGOS:

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

February 1	Souper Bowl of Caring Collection <i>Tentative Souper Bowl Party</i>
February 8	Regular Gathering
February 15	Regular Gathering
February 22	Regular Gathering



RECYCLING NOTES



1. Good News! The recycling bin should arrive by February 6. It will be located next to the trash bin. It will be for the use of our church families and the neighborhood. This should make it soooo easy for all of you to recycle! We are expecting fliers listing all that can be recycled to arrive soon. We will distribute these as soon as they arrive.
2. Remember there is a battery bucket just inside the outside kitchen door. It is a little tricky to get open. There is a little red lever that you push to release the lid so you can twist it open.
3. If you have questions about recycling, check the website, cchenvironmental.org. It lists all that can be recycled and also has information about what to do with other things you might have that cannot go into the recycle bins. Eventually, there will be lists of dates for collection of hazardous waste materials, electronics, etc.
4. The Habitat for Humanity ReStore accepts donations of new or "like new" full cans of latex paint. Donors of unsalable cans of paint will be charged a fee of \$2 per can. No stain or oil based paint can be accepted.

January

Happy Birthday!
Terry Rufer (28)

- 28 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 31 / Sat 12:00 Salem Community Pantry
Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (FH)

February

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

- 1 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Souper Bowl of Caring*
LOGOS — Pre-Game Super Bowl Party
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 2 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 3 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 4 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - *Valentine Music*
with Gary and Cheryl Kekel
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 5 / Thurs 7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
**7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),
Mission I and S (FH), Property (107),
Worship (109)**
- 6 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)



- 8 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
Scout 9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
Sunday 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) -
Praise Choir and Carillon Ringers
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
5:00 Valentine Potluck (FH)
- 9 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 10 / Tues 12:00 November Circle (Annabell's)
- 11 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 12 / Thurs 9:00-11:00 Preschool Valentine Party (FH)
12:00 Preschool Board Meeting (110)
6:30 A.I.D. (107)
7:00 Finance and Administration (110)
- 13 / Fri 9:00-11:00 Preschool Valentine Party (FH)
LOGOS Lock In
- 14 / Sat 11:00-3:00 Baby Shower (FH)
- 15 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Sacrament of Communion*
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 16 / Mon No Preschool
- 18 / Weds 12:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
6:15 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 19 / Thurs 10:00-12:00 American Red Cross (FH)
7:00 Session (107)
- 20 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)



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, personal hygiene items, and plastic 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