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The Presbyterian Messenger



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

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*Sunday, January 14 —
The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
The Rev. Dan Schomer, preaching*

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Timothy 3:16, 6:15-16
John 1:43-51
Sermon: *To Know and Be Known*
Anthem: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Rebecca Hively

*Sunday, January 21 —
The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany*

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-19
Psalm 111
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Sermon: *What Have We Gotten Ourselves Into?*
Anthem: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Marilyn Ward

Dear Friends,

As is so often the case at this time of year, we have experienced some time of isolation due to the weather. Some of us may have spent time away over the 12 Days of Christmas, only to find our return to routine accompanied by sub-zero temperatures. Please remember that a warm welcome and fellowship await you each Sunday. And if you don't feel that you should be out on a particular Sunday, please stay warm and safe! You *can* catch the service on public access television (if you live in Salem and use cable TV) or on www.youtube.com – search for FPCSALEM. Also, if you use the Internet, please “like” our Facebook page, which is to be found under “First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio.” We do our best to keep you posted about events (and cancellations, if necessary). And, of course, you can call the Church Office Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. if you have questions about whether something is happening. (So far, we haven't canceled anything!)

I will be getting away myself for a few days starting this Wednesday (but not, alas, to a warmer climate!). I urge you to be in worship this Sunday if at all possible to welcome and hear our friend the Rev. Dan Schomer. Dan was for many years the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbiana and then served as Eastminster Presbytery's General Presbyter until his retirement several years ago. Please welcome Dan to Salem!

Please do your best to be in worship on Sunday, January 28, and to remain for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We will have officers to elect and some very informative reports to receive. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the workings of our Church.

*Epiphany Blessings,
Meta*

Prayer Concerns

It's a privilege to pray for each and every one on our Prayer List. We would appreciate your keeping the office updated on your prayer request. Names will remain on the list for 1 month unless an update is received.

Rhys Barnett (*Arlene and Bob Barnett's grandson*), Joann (*Lois Dunn's friend*), Kim and Mark Evans (*Ruth Newman's niece*), Berneda Fitch, Jeff Flake (*Mark and Sandi Flake's son*), Matthew Gorley (*Scott and Debbie Boyd's nephew*), Debbie Goulish (*Meta Cramer's friend*), Ryan Hack (*Roger and Darlene Hack's son*), Amy Hall (*Tom Mercer's friend*), George Hays (*friend of many*), David Johnson, Brenda Lipp (*knee surgery 1/4*), Tom Mercer, Katie-Adam-Frankie Pawlosky (*Jim and Ruth Newman's daughter and family - Adam preparing for deployment*), Owen Perry (*John Barnett's friend*), Maria Ricciardi (*Carol Ricciardi's mother in law*), Cody Roman (*Kathie Baker's grandson*), Ron Scott (*Meta Cramer's friend*), Pete Whitman (*Kim Colian's father*), Family of Carri Norris

Special Care Facilities

Birchaven Village: Jean Leimbach, 124; 15100 Birchaven Ln, Findlay OH 45840
Brookdale Salem: Pat Butler, 305
Copeland Oaks: Jim and Marty Hollinger, Apt. 7106
Courtyard: Shirley Devan
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251
Essex III: Janice Olmstead, 223
Inn at Poland Way: Norman and Jeanne Smith, 6501 Poland Way, Poland OH 44514
Lake Vista at Cortland: Margaret Sheets, Apt 105; 303 North Mecca St, Cortland OH 44410
Regency on the Lake: Joyce Smith, Room 205; 5669 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Village at Westerville: Bruno and Kay Stanga; 215 Huber Village Blvd, C100, Westerville OH 43081

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Christmas Joy Offering

\$ 2,621.00

Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601
Whispering Pines: Dottie Zimmerman; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408



The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Sally Collins and the family on the death of her mother, Jan Joan Jones; and to Lorin and Marcia Shepard and the family on the death of Lorin's sister in law, Mary.



Friendly Reminders

- **Flower and Bulletin Donors** needed for 2018. Vases are \$10 each and Bulletins are \$15 a Sunday.
- **Offering Envelopes for 2018** are available in Fellowship Hall. If you have not had envelopes, but would like a box, please call the Church Office.
- **Per Capita Apportionment** for 2018 is \$32 per Active Member.
- **Upper Room** and **These Days** devotionals are at Sanctuary entrances.

2018 Spring Gathering of Eastminster Presbyterian Women

Saturday, February 3
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Registration at 9:30 a.m.
Luncheon at noon.
Kent Presbyterian Church
Guest Speaker:
The Reverend Cathy Ulrich



Thank you all for the flowers delivered by Lois Dunn, Barb Yonker, and Marcia and Lorin Shepard. They made a bright spot in our day.

Ken and Goldie Burrier

Dear First Presbyterian Church members,
We would like to thank you for your support during the past year. Your contribution is very much appreciated and has helped those struggling to put food on their table.

Matthew M. Bender, Treasurer
Salem Community Pantry, Inc.



Sunday, January 28
immediately following Worship
Reports will be available on
Sunday, January 21.

Soup-to-Go

Sunday, January 28



Volunteers who can help make this month's soup should be at the church on Saturday, January 27 at 9:00 a.m. Soup to Go will be available on Sunday, January 28 immediately following Worship for \$5 a quart. *Remember to return glass jars and lids so they can be used again.*

Sewing Project - Anyone interested in helping to make aprons for the Youngstown Soup Kitchen and baby blankets for the Sophia House should contact either Penny Lippiatt or Gloria Shafer. It is not necessary to know how to sew to participate.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be convened on Sunday, January 28 immediately after morning worship for the purposes of receiving reports, electing officers, and considering the following changes to the Church's Bylaws, which are being presented by the Session:

No. 10

The Session shall consist of the Moderator and ~~fifteen (15)~~ **twelve (12)** Elders in ~~2013~~ **2018** and thereafter, divided into three equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the annual meeting for a three year term. No Elder shall serve on the Session for consecutive terms either full or partial, aggregating more than six years; and shall be ineligible to be elected to a new term until one year shall have elapsed.

No. 14

There shall be ~~fifteen (15)~~ **twelve (12)** Deacons divided into three classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the annual meeting for a three-year term. No Deacon shall serve on the Board of Deacons for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years; and shall be ineligible to be elected to a new term until one year shall have elapsed. The Deacons serve under the authority of Session. Ordained and installed Deacons may assist with the serving of the Lord's Supper.

~ Youth News ~

Pres-Bees Youth Club:

4:30-6:00 p.m. on Sundays; Pre-K through Grade 5
Choir, Lesson, Craft; Shared Meal with LOGOS at 5:30 p.m.

January 14	Regular Gathering
January 21	Regular Gathering
January 28	Regular Gathering
February 4	Regular Gathering

Note: We are looking for extra help in the Kitchen.

Please consider volunteering! Easy Meals!

**We just need help with finishing touches and clean up!
You get to enjoy in the meal also!**

LOGOS:

5:00-6:30 p.m. on Sundays / Youth in Grades 6-12
Shared Meal with Pres-Bees Youth Club at 5:30 p.m.

January 14	Regular Gathering
January 21	Regular Gathering
January 28	Regular Gathering
February 4	Regular Gathering
February 9	Lock-In
February 11	No Gathering

Earth Friendly New Year's Resolutions

- Purchase and use NO Styrofoam.
- When dining out, request non-Styrofoam carry out containers or bring your own with you. Many restaurants will give you foil for sandwiches etc.
- Reduce your plastic consumption. Limit your use of plastic wraps, Ziploc bags, single use plastic water bottles, plastic grocery bags. When you do use plastic, be sure to recycle it appropriately (at the recycle bin, or at Giant Eagle).
- Instead of throwing away all those glass jars from jelly, pickles, relish, sauces, etc. use them for containers for leftovers in your refrigerator. Quart sized or pint sized Mason jars work well for this as well. It is much healthier to use glass containers rather than plastic.
- Use fewer throw-away items like napkins, paper towels, paper plates, plastic cups, plastic table cloths.
- Keep your reusable grocery bags close to the door and return them to your car so you will remember to use them!
- Buy and use rechargeable batteries.
- Conserve electricity by turning off lights in rooms not being used.
- Break down boxes before putting them into the recycle bins.
- Think before you throw something in the trash, "Can this be recycled?"
- Consider switching over to at least 1 organic food. This will help cut down on the use of harmful pesticides in the environment and will be healthier for you! You will find many of them are just pennies more expensive than non-organic.
- Are you reading all those magazines and newspapers that come to your house? Be sure to recycle all of them. If not, cancel your subscriptions for them.

I'm sure you can think of more. Just please be sure to recycle and take care of our earth.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January

Happy Birthday!

Jan Bethel (9), Curt Mosher (13),
Terry Rufer (28)

- 10 / Weds 6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)
6:45 Finance Committee (107)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 14 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
11:30 Congregational Care (107)
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:00 LOGOS
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 17 / Weds 6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 18 / Thurs 6:30 A.I.D. Board Meeting (110)
7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)
- 19 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)
- 20 / Sat 12:00 Food Pantry Luncheon for
Volunteers (FH)
- 21 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:00 LOGOS
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 22 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 24 / Weds 6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)

- 27 / Sat 9:00 Soup Making (K)
- 28 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship *followed by*
Annual Congregational Meeting
Soup to Go following Worship
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:00 LOGOS
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 29 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 31 / Weds 6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)



February

Happy Birthday!

Jim Hollinger (7), Bill Rousseau (18)

- 1 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),
Mission I and S (FH), Property (107),
Worship, Music, Arts (109)**
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
- 2 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)
- 4 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:00 LOGOS
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 5 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 6 / Tues 10:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)



Salem Community Pantry

Monday, 9-Noon / Thursday, 4-7 p.m.

**ITEMS NEEDED: Peanut Butter, Plastic Grocery Bags,
Empty Egg Cartons. Place items in Fellowship Hall.**

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