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The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
8:30 Morning Prayer (Chapel)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

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June 7 — The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:12-15,
Psalm 81:1-6, 10, 16; Mark 2:23-3:5

8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer (in the Chapel)
Theme: *This “Sabbath” Day*

10:30 a.m. — Lord’s Day Worship (in the Sanctuary)
Sermon: *Summer Break?*
Music: Sydney Hardy, Clara Double
Liturgist: Jim Robarge

June 14 — The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20:1-9;
Mark 4:26-34

8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer (in the Chapel)
Theme: *A Great Shrub (?)*

10:30 a.m. — Lord’s Day Worship (in the Sanctuary)
Sermon: *The Behind-the-Scenes God*
Music: Mike Newman
Liturgist: Mark Smith

Dear Friends,

In recent weeks, we have spoken often of the Holy Spirit – which only makes sense since we’ve just celebrated Pentecost Sunday and Trinity Sunday. On the Day of Pentecost, we looked around and saw what the Spirit does in our midst: creating faith in children (of all ages!), leading us to the baptismal font, inviting us to the Table, welcoming us into a family of faith.

Another way that the Spirit is among us is in our shared discernment of God’s purposes. We are always “better together.” Five years ago, our Session was struggling with the question of whether to continue to move summer worship to 9:30. That did NOT happen in 2010; *instead*, we began an earlier service *in addition to* our 10:30 worship. We have held “Morning Prayer” over the course of five summers now. Unfortunately, our Worship Committee noted that attendance is only about half of what it was when these services first began. We were seriously considering discontinuing the early services.

However, the Session discussed this matter at considerable length and chose instead to continue to offer Morning Prayer *during the month of June, at 8:30 a.m.* At the end of that time, we should be able to determine whether we should continue. So often, the Spirit works among us to find an answer – at least a temporary one – that we had not previously considered.

What is “Morning Prayer”? In some Christian traditions, it’s a daily service. In ours, Morning Prayer includes not only *prayers* but the reading of Psalms and other Scripture. One Presbyterian resource says, “The scripture may be interpreted, discussed, or augmented by non-biblical readings. A time of silence may be included.” We include times of silence *and* discussion.

Our early service is *not* a mini-version of our 10:30 service. It is held in the Chapel, lasts from 30-45 minutes, and allows for reflection and interaction as we hear God’s Word to us. You do not need to speak – ever! – and you will not be “called upon” to do so! If an earlier service fits your schedule, do join us! And if that doesn’t work for you, we’ll continue to see you at 10:30.

Some of you have encountered the Spirit while walking a labyrinth. (Some of us took a field trip to the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown a couple years ago.) Please note the opportunities listed in the Eastminster E-News to do so on Tuesday, June 23 at Youngstown-First at 6 p.m. and on Wednesday, June 24 at Cuyahoga Falls-Northminster at 6 p.m.

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Tim Breit (*Mary Frances Breit's son*), Eddie Broome (*Sally Collins' brother-in-law*), Darby Jeffries Colian, Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Rev. Dick Ferris, Debbie Goulish (*Meta Cramer's friend*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Rolin Herron, Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jean Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Ron Krauss (*John Krauss' cousin*), Sue Kyser, Jean Leimbach (*15100 Birchaven Ln Apt 129, Findlay OH 45840-7766*), Casey Martinez (*Colleen Chappell's niece*), Jim Munholland (*Carol Ricciardi's friend*), Joyce Pakosta, Presbytery Mission Design Team, Tracy Rees (*Penny Judge's daughter*), Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Scot and Rory Robertson, Lee Schrum (*Carol Ricciardi's brother-in-law*), Gene Shafer, Gloria Shafer's parents, Julie Smith (*Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law*), Kay Stanga, 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; MaryLou Timmins
Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's mother*)
Community Care Center: Roberta Bell, 155; 200 E State St, Alliance OH 44601
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251
Essex III: Ibbey Dales, 215
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Sterling House: Pat Butler, 502; 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 May 3	\$ 3,060.00
Envelope Income received May 10	\$ 3,913.00
Envelope Income received May 17	\$ 3,047.00
Envelope Income received May 24	\$ 2,194.00
General Fund Balance, April 30	\$17,893.00
Pentecost	\$ 959.00
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 2,436.00

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

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In Memoriam
Ann (Ebbesen) Theil

United with First Church
 April 6, 1952

Died — May 30, 2015

"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

The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Penny Judge and the family on the death of her mother, Ann Theil; to Pat and Rich Eichler and the family on the death of Pat's sister, Cindy Hilles of Oregon; and to Ron and Beverly Price and the family on the death of their son-in-law, Jim Brown.

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Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to Jack and Rita Hovis on the celebration of their 65th Wedding Anniversary on May 26.

Thank You

We would like to thank the church for the chancel flowers from worship. Visits from Ellen Maticcik and Meta Cramer were greatly appreciated. Roberta and I are blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

George and Roberta Bell

We thank you for all your prayers. My daughter, Marilyn, has made a miraculous recovery.

Juanita Latham

Thanks to everyone for thinking of me with the beautiful floral arrangement. Flowers do so much to brighten a day. I really do appreciate them and the thoughts of everyone.

Sandi Flake

Thank you for your recent business sponsorship for our 2015 production of "The Addams Family". The students, parent volunteers, and all else who worked thousands of hours on this production wish to say a big "THANK YOU" for your financial help to bring this production to a reality. Best regards,

Frank Zamarelli
Salem High School Choir Boosters

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian, So grateful for your \$250 gift to the Banquet in Salem. We continue to serve on average 200 persons each meal. Also thanks for all those who volunteer at the Banquet.

God's Blessing
Bill Wilkins

Your Session at Work

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio, meeting on May 21, 2015...

- Approved a summer outing to the Guilford Grill on Saturday, July 18 for bocce and lunch
- Heard news of the visit to the Kimble Recycling facility in Twinsburg
- Heard that volunteers are invited to help with landscape maintenance during this growing season
- Approved the funding of necessary repairs to the organ
- Changed the July date for communion to July 12
- Heard a report on the May meeting of Eastminster Presbytery from Ruling Elder Commissioner Mark Flake
- Was encouraged to participate (and to encourage church members to participate) in an electronic survey about the future of Eastminster Presbytery, which will be available on Tuesday, June 2 at www.faithfulness.com
- Heard that Denise's Big Backyard will be held on Wednesdays from June 24 through August 12, with Jody Karmazin as General Coordinator and Wavelene Arnold as Food Coordinator
- Approved the LOGOS Youth doing a car wash fundraiser at Arby's on June 7 following worship, and authorized LOGOS to collect donations for those parking in our lots during the Salem Super Cruise (June 18-21)
- Received, with joy, the gift of a painting of the Church by Deacon Sally Collins
- Received with regret a letter of resignation from the Session, for personal reasons, from Ruling Elder Lynne Peterson
- Discussed at length the declining attendance at early summer services after five years, and approved holding 8:30 a.m. services during the month of June to assess interest in continuing
- Heard that Interim General Presbyter Nancy Kahaian and Commission on Ministry Liaison Bonnie Dutton will be making a routine triennial visit to the June meeting
- Offered prayers of intercession for members and friends of the congregation

Beaver Creek Church Camp brochures for youth who have completed K-12 are available in the Church Office.

Vacation Bible School

Conquering Challenges with
God's Mighty Power

June 15-19 / 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Call Church Office to Register.



Please bring Snack Supplies to the Church by Sunday, June 14.

Day 1 — Dried Chunk Pineapple, Raisins or Dried Cranberries, Sunflower Seeds (without shells), Shredded Coconut, Dried Banana Chips, Mini Chocolate Chips

Day 2 — Strawberry Yogurt, Granola

Day 3 — Whole Fresh Strawberries, Plain Rice Cakes, Whipped Cream Cheese, Honey or Maple Syrup

Day 4 — Angel Food Loaf Cakes, Blueberries (fresh or frozen), Raspberries (fresh or frozen), Cool Whip

Day 5 — Pita Bread, whole rounds; Pizza Sauce, Shredded Mozzarella Cheese

RECYCLING NEWS

On May 22, a group of 7 avid recyclers traveled to Twinsburg, Ohio to observe the sorting process at the Kimble Recycling Facility. We were truly amazed at the efficiency of the workers. We took photos and will have them available on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall in the near future. The following are questions we asked Cassie, our guide. Her responses definitely helped us understand the continued questions of, "Can we recycle...?"




1. Can the plastic caps on bottles be recycled? Not the small ones; larger ones — yes.
2. Can plastic bags be recycled? Not at Kimble. Plastic bags should be dropped off at grocery stores where they have specially marked recycle bins for bags.
3. Can paper plates be recycled? How clean do they need to be? Paper plates that are greasy and very messy cannot be recycled. Plates that can easily have crumbs, etc. brushed off with little debris remaining can be recycled.
4. How clean do items need to be? Rinsed but not necessarily scrubbed. No used/dirty napkins, tissues, or paper towels. Throw away the bottom of pizza boxes if they are messy/greasy but recycle the top portion.
5. What about aerosol cans? They can be recycled!
6. Can all paper be recycled? Basically, yes. Construction paper takes more processing but can be recycled. Shredded paper contaminates the glass. It is suggested that a sheet of paper be torn into 2-4 pieces and put in with other recyclable papers.
7. Anything else? Toothpaste tubes should be thrown in the trash along with pumps from soap dispensers, and plastic eating utensils.

June

Happy Birthday!

Bill McCormick (2), Ralph Timmins (3),
Jean Leimbach (4), Harvey Mason (23)

- 3 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - Program by
Shane Franks of the Memorial Building
- 4 / Thurs **7:00 Committees: CE (106),
Mission I & S (FH), Property (107),
Worship (110)**
- 7 / Sun 8:30 Morning Prayer (Chapel)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)
11:30 Personnel Com. w/Staff on Policies
LOGOS Car Wash at Arby's after Worship
- 8 / Mon **7:00 Congregational Care (107)**
- 11 / Thurs **7:00 Finance and Administration (107)**
- 12 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)
- 14 / Sun 8:30 Morning Prayer (Chapel)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S) 
- 15 / Mon 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School
6:30 Quilt Show Meeting (107)
- 16 / Tues 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School
- 17 / Weds 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School
- 18 / Thurs 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School
7:00 Session (107)
- 19 / Fri 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School
- 21 / Sun 8:30 Morning Prayer (Chapel)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S) - VBS Program

- 24 / Weds **6:00-8:00 Denise's Big Backyard**
- 25 / Thurs 12:30 Salem Ministerial Association (107)
- 26 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)
- 28 / Sun 8:30 Morning Prayer (Chapel)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)

July

Happy Birthday!

Ken Burrier (3), Marylou Timmins (12),
Dorothy Gibson (24), Ann Theil (25)

- 1 / Weds **6:00-8:00 Denise's Big Backyard**
- 3 / Fri Church Office Closed for July 4 Holiday
- 4 / Sat Independence Day 
- 5 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)
- 8 / Weds **6:00-8:00 Denise's Big Backyard**
- 9 / Thurs 6:00-8:00 American Red Cross Adult &
Pediatric FA/CPR/AED
- 10 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)
- 12 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S) - Communion 
- 13 / Mon 10:00-5:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 14 / Tues **8:30 Investment Committee (107)**
8:00-5:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 15 / Weds 8:00-5:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
6:00-8:00 Denise's Big Backyard
- 16 / Thurs 8:00-12:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)



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