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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)

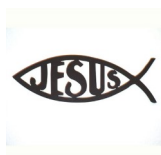
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Sunday, March 26 — The Fourth Sunday in Lent



Scripture: Micah 7:8-10
Psalm 97:1-5, 10-12
John 9:1-11

Sermon: *Nobody's Fault*

Liturgist: Lauren Arnold

Music: Haviland Choir -
In Heavenly Love Abiding
Carillon Ringers - *Lenten Meditation*



Sunday, April 2 — The Fifth Sunday in Lent



Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 143:1, 7-10
John 11:17-44

Sermon: *Standing Up and Walking Out*

Liturgist: Amy McDevitt Cannon

Music: Haviland Choir -
The Perfect Wisdom of Our God
LOGOS Bell Choir - *The Cross; Arky, Arky*



Dear Friends,

First of all, thank you so much for your generosity at our Spring Bread and Soup Luncheon. The Congregational Care Committee hosts two Soup Luncheons each year, and, although the Luncheons are free of charge, the Committee always designates a cause to be the recipient of optional donations. During worship, Jody Karmazin told you about a woman and her daughter whom we met in Guatemala. The woman and her three children had been deserted by her husband, and it was her dream to start a business making corn tortillas for sale outside a restaurant. (Yes, in Guatemala there are street vendors outside eating establishments selling the tortillas that are preferred to the bread or buns being served inside!) Jody challenged us to give \$310, more than we usually collect at these lunches. You gave \$419! These gifts will be forwarded to CEDEPCA (The Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America, our hosts in Guatemala) for processing and distribution.

Secondly, please remember that during this season of Lent we are collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing. As our Presbyterian Mission website says, "Lent is sometimes marked with fasting, a traditional practice of giving up food and devoting yourself to prayer. But this isn't the only type of fasting the Bible talks about. Isaiah 58 describes a new kind of fast, not to give up bread but to share it. Isaiah calls us to 'loose the bonds of injustice,' to 'let the oppressed go free,' to 'share bread with the hungry' and to 'invite the homeless poor into our homes.' We are called to offer help to those in need and restoration to those who have been broken down. One way we answer this call is through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing. As we respond through our sharing, Isaiah 58 also provides a promise. As we respond to injustice, feed those who are hungry, and provide places for those without homes, our 'light will break forth,' and we shall be called 'repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in.'"

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Salem Regional Medical Center, Skilled Unit — Bill Hannay (No Visitors), Doreen Dunn

Others — Denny Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Ariel (*Dollie Millikin's relative*), The Beck Family, Sandy Byers (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Carol Dougherty, 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*), Charles Hamilton (*Rich and Pat Eichler's nephew*), Jeff Hendricks (*Ruth Newman's nephew*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Elma Krauss (*John Krauss' mother*), Dolores Kynett, Hannah Lanza-Roth (*grand-daughter 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*), Don Palmer (*Rich Eichler's uncle*), John Reed (*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*), Maxine Sanor (*Ellie Parker's friend*), 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, 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
Brookdale Austintown: Henry and Dottie Zimmerman; 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd 44515

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| Envelope Income received March 5 | \$ 4,066.00 |
| Envelope Income received March 12 | \$ 2,986.00 |
| General Fund Balance, January 31, 2017 | \$ 593.81 |
| February Revenues | 18,769.40 |
| February Transfers In | 4,225.00 |
| February Expenses | (25,610.10) |
| General Fund Balance, February 28, 2017 | (\$2,021.89) |
| One Great Hour of Sharing | \$ 490.00 |
| Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member) | \$ 1,620.00 |

Courtyard: Janice Olmstead, 301
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251
Inn at Ironwood: Norman and Jeanne Smith, 106; 6699 Ironwood Blvd, Canfield OH 44406
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

One Great Hour of Sharing

God has called us to a new kind of fast — Not to give up our bread, but to share it.
 Envelopes in Sanctuary Pew Racks.

Coffee Hour Reminder

Thanks to all our ladies and gentlemen who are so willing to help with Coffee Hour. Please remember to check ahead of time for creamer and punch in the refrigerator. Thanks again for serving. Any questions, please call me.

April Circle:
 March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Janet Chumney,
 Coordinator of Cookies



Daffodils & Tulips - \$6.00 each
 Lilies - \$7.00 each
 No Color Choice
 Last Sunday to Order is
 March 26 or call
 Church Office by March 31.

Spring Cleaning Soon?

LOGOS will be holding their Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 22 and will begin accepting donations on Monday, March 27 (place on stage in Fellowship Hall). Remember, we do not accept clothing, but all other donations will be accepted with gratitude. Thank you in advance.



DAYTIMERS

Wednesday, April 5
 12 Noon
 Fellowship Hall
 Bring Covered Dish to Share
 Program:
 "TV Ministry" by
 Karen Dennison

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio,
meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2017...

- Gave permission for the children and youth to go to the Salem Community Center on the afternoon of April 9 for the annual "spring fling".
- Approved a LOGOS Lock-in for March 24-25.
- Approved the planned LOGOS mission trip to New York City for July 13-16. The adult chaperones will be Kim and Ken Double and Jody and Michael Karmazin.
- Agreed to host the Christian Education breakfast on May 21.
- Approved the February financial reports, the Safe Use and Access Policy, and updates to the Permanent Fund Description.
- Approved several building requests, including permission for a Mystery Dinner Theater to benefit the Smucker House on May 6, and for the Lois Frost Piano Competition on April 29.
- Heard that the Guatemala travelers will make their presentation to the congregation during worship on April 23.
- Heard a report on the March meeting of Eastminster Presbytery from Ruling Elder Commissioner Karen Dennison.
- Approved, pending completion of the Confirmation Class, the reception into membership of Alyssa Jane Bricker, Noah William Cannon, Kenneth William (Trey) Double III, Andre David Tonkinson, and Kirill Conor Tonkinson. Confirmation is scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 16.
- Approved vacation time for Meta Cramer, August 31 – September 5.
- Approved the purchase of a new, oil-filled Paschal candle, which is used during the Easter season and at funeral services.
- Engaged in prayers of intercession for members and friends of the Church.

Youth News

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

Teachers - Kim Double, Julie Mackall, Cara Stephens

Easter Egg Hunt for Kinderkids on Palm Sunday, April 9.

Donations of Candy needed for Easter Egg Hunt.

Leave on stage in Fellowship Hall.



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

March 22 Regular Gathering - Tacos, Corn, Fruit Cocktail
March 29 Regular Gathering - Sausage, Eggs, Fr. Toast, Fruit
April 5 Final Pres-Bees - Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit
April 9 Youth Sunday Worship
Spring Fling at Salem Community Center:
12:30-1:00 Lunch
1:00-2:00 Gym
2:00-3:00 Pool

LOGOS: LOGOS at 5:00 p.m. / Youth in Grades 6-12

LOGOS Bell Choir at 4:15 in Room 109.

March 24 Lock-In from 7pm Friday to 7am Saturday
March 26 No LOGOS
April 2 Regular Gathering
April 9 Regular Gathering

Fundraiser: Celestial Candles (\$14 each)

Help Us Fill an Easter Basket for a Family in Need!

Our LOGOS are collecting: Canned Ham, Canned Vegetable and Fruit, FF Onions, Cream Soups, Boxed Stuffing, and Potatoes, as well as Jello and Pudding Mixes. We will deliver the basket to Buckeye School on April 3.

Annual Rummage Sale - April 22

Place items on stage in Fellowship Hall starting March 27. Remember, we do not accept clothing.



Environmental Awareness and Stewardship Policy

Purpose:

The First Presbyterian Church of Salem will heighten the environmental awareness and stewardship of its members by actively engaging in a recycling program within the church.

Parameters:

- Recycling will be encouraged. Bins and appropriately labeled containers will be made available throughout the church.
- Recycling education will be available to members on an ongoing basis.
- The church will discourage the use of Styrofoam during church functions and prohibits the purchase of Styrofoam with church funds. Any purchase of Styrofoam made by a staff member will not be reimbursed.
- Outside groups using church facilities will be notified of the policy via the building use form and must agree to adhere to the policy.

~ Approved by Session on June 18, 2015

March

Happy Birthday!

Joe Marra (21), Suzanne Cain (24),
Dick Shanker (24), Dick Dougherty (26)

- 22 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (S)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 24 / Fri 7:00 LOGOS Lock In through 7 am Saturday
- 25 / Sat 9:00 Making Soup to Go (K)
- 26 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship — *Carillon Ringers Following Worship* — Soup to Go
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (S)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)
- 27 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 January Circle (107)
- 28 / Tues 9:15 Preschool Registration 2017-2018 (FH)
- 29 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (109)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)
- 31 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)



April

Happy Birthday!

George Bell (5), Jeanne Smith (16), Beverly Mosher (18)

- 2 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - LOGOS Bell Choir
11:30 Confirmation Class (107)
11:30 Recycling Interest Group (110)
5:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



- 3 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 4 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 5 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - Program:
TV Ministry by Karen Dennison
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club - *final till fall*
6:15 Carillon Ringers (109)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 6 / Thurs Preschool Bike Parades - Th/Fr
7:00 Committee Night: CE (106), Mission I and S (FH), Property (107), Worship (109)
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
- 9 / Palm Sunday 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship — *Youth Sunday Following Worship* — Easter Egg Hunt (FH)
12:30-3:00 Spring Fling at Community Center
5:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 10 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 11 / Tues **8:30 am Investment Committee (107)**
12:00 November Circle (Annabell's)
- 12 / Weds 6:15 Carillon Ringers (109)
6:45 Finance and Administration (110)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 13 / Thurs 7:30 Maundy Thursday Service (S)
Communion and Tenebrae
- 14 / Fri 12:00 Good Friday Service (S)
- 16 / Sun 8:00 Easter Worship
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Easter Worship
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at both services.



9 / Palm Sunday



He's Risen!



Salem Community Pantry

Mon., Fri., 9-11:30 a.m. / Tues., 5-7:30 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