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Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

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March 30 — The 4th Sunday in Lent

Scripture: I Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-11, 39
Sermon: "The Gift of Opened Eyes"
Music: Haviland Choir — Psalm 23
Cherub Choir
Liturgist: Paul Fennema



April 6 — The 5th Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130;
John 11:17-44
Sermon: "Previews of Coming Attractions"
Music: Haviland Choir —
There Is a Green Hill Far Away
LOGOS Bell Choir
Liturgist: Sis Winch



Dear Friends,

One of my old books of "clip art" (now made obsolete by on-line search engines) contains a lovely graphic for the season of Lent. The words are: "More fervent in prayer... More generous in works of charity... More eager in celebrating the mysteries by which we are reborn." Many of us do make more of an effort to be "fervent" in our daily walk with God and to be present in worship to "celebrate the mysteries" of our faith. But "charity" is also a traditional aspect of Lenten observance.

Perhaps you have felt bombarded by requests for "charity" lately. As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, we are within striking distance of meeting our goal for a new, informative church sign. We have committed to be an Apostles Build congregation for Habitat for Humanity, which means we will be accepting donations and doing fundraisers to meet our \$5000 commitment. (An auction of nice items will be held for the Apostles Build after worship on May 18; be thinking of whether you have something – perhaps something you've made – that could be donated to the cause.)

In addition to these special projects, we receive The One Great Hour of Sharing each year during Lent. This special offering began in March 1949 to help deal with the devastation that followed World War II. The website of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) summarizes the One Great Hour of Sharing this way:

Your gift to OGHS is a gift of hope. Your gift allows Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to restore communities around the world affected by natural and human-caused disasters. Your generosity helps the Presbyterian Hunger Program work with Presbyterians and other partners to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in this country and internationally. Your sharing makes it possible for Self-Development of People to affirm the dignity of all by assisting in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people.

Please consider prayerfully how you will be "more generous in works of charity" this Lenten season.

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Salem Regional Medical Center —
Denise Weingart

Others —

Darla Allen (*Kevin Chumney's sister*),
Wavelene Arnold, Marianne Barr (*Debbie Blair's mother*), Marilyn Cosier (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Audrey Crawford (*Linda Crawford's sister in law*), Dick Dale, Stella Dominic, Alex Evans (*Lucy Works' friend*), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Berneda Fitch, Sandi Flake, Melissa Griffith (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Bill Hannay, Bud Hays (*Sue Merry's father*), Jo Hendricks, Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (*Phil Tetlow's cousins*), Susan McCullough (*Susan Merry's co-worker*), Dolly Millikin, Helen Newman (*Jim Newman's mother*), Shawn Pike, Sam Pridon, Marie Robinson (*Kim Double's mother*), Connie Bowman Rowe (*Helen Hayes' friend*), Gene Shafer, Dick Shanker, Gabriel Smith, (*Norm and Jeanne Smith's great-grandson and Mickey Buck's great nephew*), Julie Smith (*Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law*), Lana Tonkinson, Makala Walker (*Lucy Works' friend's great granddaughter*)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum

Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Roland and Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's parents*)
Austintown OH 44515

Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109

Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*); Kathleen Kirby, 9-162 (*Gregg Rhodes' mother*); Jim Mohr, 263
Essex III: Ibbey Dales, 211

Grace Woods: Jo Hawkins, 234

Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith;
5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059

Shepherd of the Valley: Jo Hendricks, 218;
4100 N River Rd NE, Warren OH 44484

Sterling House: 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 March 2, 2014	\$ 3,090.00
Envelope Income received March 9, 2014	\$ 3,636.00
Envelope Income received March 16, 2014	\$ 6,517.00
General Fund Balance, January 31, 2014	\$10,994.63
February Revenues	\$16,562.01
February Transfers In	\$ 3,766.66
February Expenses	\$25,308.74
General Fund Balance, February 28, 2014	\$ 6,014.56
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 403.00
Per Capita (\$32/2014 Goal: \$11,104)	\$ 2,529.00

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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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Jo Hawkins and the family on the death of her daughter, Sandy Minett; and to Joyce Smith and the family on the death of her son-in-law, Bill Phillips. (Joyce Smith's address is 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059).

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Sign Project Update

As was announced in worship on March 23, we are within \$4,000 of meeting the goal for the funding of the new sign project. The Property and Maintenance Committee asks that a very wide spectrum of this congregation join together and give whatever you feel you can, in any amount you feel you can, to complete this fundraising effort by the first of May. Our goal is to have the sign operational this summer so that the community will know what the Presbyterians are all about!

Thank You

Thank you so much for all the cards, visits, and thoughts for my birthday.
Jim Mohr

In preparation of Spring Cleaning the Kitchen, various pots and pans need claimed. Please pick up your dishes as soon as possible. If they are not picked up, items will be in the LOGOS Rummage Sale on April 26.



A meeting of the membership of **The ROC of Salem** will be held on Monday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Salem. Since First Presbyterian Church gives financial support to The ROC, any interested member of the congregation is welcome to attend the membership meeting and hear more about The ROC's ministry.

Preschool Open House for 2014-2015 School Year

Tuesday, April 29 / 9:15-11 a.m.
* Now Accepting Enrollments *

One Great Hour of Sharing Faith Endures

"Hope does not disappoint us,
because God's love has been
poured into our hearts." ~ Romans 5:5

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church,
meeting on March 20, 2014...

- approved Palm Sunday, April 13, as Youth Sunday (although the Haviland Choir will still be singing!).
- approved the LOGOS Rummage Sale for Saturday, April 26.
- approved the Pres-Bees/LOGOS Swim Party for Sunday, April 27.
- approved Vacation Bible School for June 16-20, with the program on Sunday, June 22.
- approved use of our parking lot for SuperNats, June 20-21, with collections being received for the Salem Community Pantry.
- approved vacation and study leave time for Meta Cramer in April, June, and August, and approved guest preachers for her Sundays away.
- approved the reception of Ronald and Beverly Price into membership upon letter of transfer.
- was reminded of our involvement in the Apostles Build of Habitat for Humanity and the plans for an Auction on Sunday, May 18 following the Spring Choir presentation.
- heard that the Soup and Bread Luncheon raised \$214 toward the Apostles Build.
- heard that \$25,900 had been raised toward the sign project, and so authorized the Property and Maintenance Committee to enter into a contract to build the sign, with the provisions that fundraising continue and that a policy be written to ensure that the sign will be used properly and tastefully.
- engaged in intercessory prayer for those in our congregation who are sick or recuperating.
- scheduled the next meeting of the Session for April 10 since the third Thursday of the month is Maundy Thursday.

Youth News

Sunday School:

April 6 Together Time in Fellowship Hall
April 13 Easter Egg Hunt

Pres-Bees Youth Club:

Children Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 5 / Weds., 5-6:45 p.m.

March 26 Regular Gathering
March 30 Cherub Choir sings during Worship
April 2 Regular Gathering
April 9 Regular Gathering (*last*)
April 13 Youth Sunday
April 27 Pool Party at Salem Community Center

Mission Project — we are collecting paper products (napkins, paper plates, plastic silverware, paper towels, paper cups for hot and cold beverages), dish soap, toilet paper, and SOS pads for St. Vincent DePaul. You can place them in the box on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

LOGOS:

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

March 30 Photo Night — *Scavenger Hunt*
April 6 LOGOS Bell Choir plays during Worship
April 13 Youth Sunday
April 25 Set Up for Rummage Sale
April 26 Rummage Sale, 9-2
April 27 Pool Party at Salem Community Center

Vacation Bible School:

Age 4 through Grade 5

VBS will be held June 16-20 with the program held during morning Worship on Sunday, June 22. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, please call Jayne Bricker.

The LOGOS Annual Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

VENDORS ARE WELCOME: Crafts, Rummage Sale Items, Antiques, and Collectibles

COST PER BOOTH: \$5.00 or 5 Canned Goods

DROP BOXES will be available for non perishable items, Coats and Blankets to benefit *Salvation Army* and *Salem Community Pantry*.

Hot Dogs / Refreshments Available

Please contact Kim Double at 234-567-1752 or the Church Office at 330-337-9555 for more information.




March




Happy Birthday!
Dick Dougherty (26)

- 26 / Weds 12:30 Lenten Service at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church — *Rev. Meta Cramer preaching*
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 28 / Fri **Church Office open 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.**
- 30 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
4:30 LOGOS (FH) — *Scavenger Hunt*
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 31 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

April

Happy Birthday!
Roberta Bell (12), Jeanne Smith (16),
Beverly Mosher (18), Georgiana Costa (20),
Lois Herron (21)

- 1 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
6:00 April Circle (Ezio's Restaurant)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 2 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) — "Used to Be"
Presented by Judy White of Historical Society
12:30 Lenten Service at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church — *Pastor Alan Smearsoll preaching*
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 3 / Thurs 7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
7:00 Committee Night: CE (106), Mission (FH), Property (107), Worship (109)
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- 4 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)

- 5 / Sat 9:30-4:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
"Stack and Whack" Project
- 6 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School Together Time (FH)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 7 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 8 / Tues 6:00 Lenten "Soup and a Show" (107)
- 9 / Weds 12:30 Lenten Service at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church — *Pastor Connie Sassanella preaching*
9:15 February Circle (Salem Hills)
9:30 March Circle (110)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club (last gathering)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)
- 10 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107) Note Date Change**
- 13 / Youth Sunday 9:00 Sunday School (FH); Adult Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
Easter Egg Hunt following Worship
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 14 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 16 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)
- 17 / Thurs 7:30 Maundy Thursday Service (S)
Sacrament of Lord's Supper
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- 18 / Good Friday 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)
Church Office closes at Noon
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- 19 / Sat Lois Frost Scholarship Auditions (S) - a.m.
- 20 / Easter Sunday 8:00 Worship (S)
9:00 Sunday School (FH)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
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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, and personal hygiene items.
Place items on cart at north entrance.

Worship Schedule on TV
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
Cable TV Channel 9 / Schedule Subject to Change