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Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m. Worship

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March 11 The Third Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:9-15
Psalm 90
John 2:13-22
Sermon: "Work that Lasts"
Music: Praise and Haviland Choirs
Liturgist: Ken Double



March 18 The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Hosea 11:1-4; Psalm 23; John 3:14-21
Sermon: "Love Without Limit"
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Ruth Shafer

*Soup and Bread Luncheon following Wor-
ship*



Dear Friends,

On Sunday, February 26, our Spiritual Strategic Journey team provided us with a marvelous introduction to what this "Journey" – which I'm going to abbreviate as "SSJ" – is all about. Many of you signed up for the "100 Days of Discernment," a process which involves meeting regularly with two or three other people for sharing, the building of relationships, prayer, and the gathering of insights. I hope that your "triplets" (or "quadruplets") have been able to schedule or even hold your first meeting. In any case, *do not hesitate to call and ask for any assistance you need during this process!* And, please call the Church Office if you would still like to join the process.

I understand that there have been questions about the term "full Kingdom potential." Don't worry! – the team has been asking that question all along! Let's start by remembering that every time we pray the Lord's Prayer, we ask "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." We *want* God's Kingdom to be present among us. We *pray* that God's Kingdom will be in our midst. We *have* Jesus' own promise that "the Kingdom of God is among you." George Bullard, the consultant who is leading the SSJ process for our Presbytery, suggests that we approach our "Kingdom potential" when we "fully, sacrificially, lovingly, and unconditionally minister" to those we are called to serve. Does that help? If it doesn't, please keep asking questions!

This process is not a study, but it does build upon the 2004 Mission Study, which encouraged us to find "God at the center of our worship and of our lives." It *also* dovetails nicely with the current self-study, which is in the process of being completed. Several members of the Self-Study Committee are also on the SSJ team and see SSJ as a natural progression from some of the observations of the self-study in that, through the SSJ process of listening to God, we hope to deepen our relationships with God, each other, and our community.

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Alliance Community Hospital — Roberta Bell, Rosann Butler / PO Box 2720, 200 E State St, Alliance OH 44601

Vibra Hospital of Mahoning Valley — Rev. Jack Austin (206) / 8049 South Ave, Boardman OH 44512

Others — Wavelene Arnold, Steven Courtwright (*Dollie Millikin's nephew*), Dan Crawford (*Linda Crawford's brother*), Stella Dominic, Barbara Double (*Ken Double's mother*), Brad and the Rev. Bonnie Dutton, Morgan Fennema (*Paul and Barb Fennema's granddaughter*), Ruth Garvey (*Angela Milligan's mother*), David George (*Mary Frances Breit's son-in-law*), Dustin Gorby (*Mickey Buck's friend*), Ruth Gould, Alberta Herron, Jack Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Char McDevitt, Pat Milligan (*Jim Milligan's mother*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's mother*), Gene Shafer, Roland and Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's parents*), Karlie Stith (*Harvey and Sally Mason's great grand-daughter*), Teresa Turney (*Dolly Millikin's daughter*); Missionary Yvonne Goll and non-profit "Saving Innocence" in Los Angeles, www.savinginnocence.org.

Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B

Briarwood: Norman Pim, 601; 3700 Englewood Dr., Stow OH 44224

Canterbury Place: Tom Smith, 508; 310 Fisk St., Pittsburgh PA 15201-1708

Clare Bridge of Austintown: Bill Butler (*Pat Butler's husband*); 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd, Austintown OH 44515

Copeland Oaks: Chet Roof, 6-202; Polly Kendall, 8-103, John and Jean Martsof, 7-421

Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109; Betty Potter, 202 (*Helen Hayes' mother*); Linda Tonti, 209 (*John Tonti's mother*)

Crandall: Marilyn Clark, 185; Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*)

Essex 3: Ibbby Dales, 211

Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234

Pleasant View North Retirement Center: Helen Hum

Sterling House: Dorothy Gibson

Vista Center, Lisbon: Virginia Calabrese (*Dawn Billham's grandmother*)

Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601

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Financial Report

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Envelope Income received February 5	\$ 4,085.00
Envelope Income received February 12	\$ 2,111.00
Envelope Income received February 19	\$ 4,373.00
Envelope Income received February 26	\$ 2,795.00
General Fund Balance, January 31, 2012	\$25,685.03
Per Capita (\$30 / 2012 Goal: \$12,090)	\$ 1,650.00

Armed Forces

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In Memoriam

Robert S. McCulloch Jr.

Joined First Church — April 19, 1935

Died — March 3, 2012

"Blessed is the dead who die in the Lord hence forth that they may rest from their labors for their deeds follow them." Revelation 14:13

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Jean McCulloch and Rob and Debbie McCulloch and the family on the death of husband and father, Bob McCulloch; and to John and Shirley Catlos and the family on the death of John's mother, Betty.



Sundays, March 11 and 18
**Daffodils, Hyacinths,
Lilies, Tulips**

\$7.00 each

Place Orders in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour or in Church Office during the week.



Paper Products Collection
Sunday, March 11 / 12:30-2:30

Former Timberlanes Parking Lot
Items may also be brought to Fellowship Hall for delivery to collection site.

Sponsored by Salem Ministerial Association

Please Note — There is an urgent need for canned soup, peanut butter, and personal hygiene items. Place items in box on stage.



Many thanks for the cards, calls, flowers, food, and prayers. They were much appreciated.

Marge Wright

Congratulations to Rick and Nichole Lobdell on the birth of Rose Viola Lobdell on February 16. Grandparents are Rich and Sheila Lobdell.



Lenten Worship

2012 Shared Lenten Services

*“Christ in the Strangest Places -
Fulfilled, Foreshadowed, Forever”*

A Series of Special Services for Lent

Wednesday, March 7 at First Presbyterian

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch — *Holy Trinity*

12:30 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity*

7:00 Lenten Service — *First Presbyterian Church*

Wednesday, March 14 at Emmanuel LC

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch — *Holy Trinity*

12:30 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity*

7:00 Lenten Service — *Emmanuel Lutheran Church*

Wednesday, March 21 at First Presbyterian

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch — *Holy Trinity*

12:30 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity*

7:00 Lenten Service — *First Presbyterian Church*

Wednesday, March 28 at Holy Trinity

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch — *Holy Trinity*

12:30 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity*

7:00 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*

YOUR SESSION AT WORK

*The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem,
meeting on February 23, 2012...*

- participated in an exercise intended as a preview of the Spiritual Strategic Journey which our church is undertaking;
- was reminded of the Soup and Bread Lunch to be held following worship on Sunday, March 18, 2012;
- approved Vacation Bible School for June 11-15;
- scheduled the LOGOS Rummage Sale for April 14-15;
- set a goal of \$6000 for the 2012 One Great Hour of Sharing;
- decided to serve a simple meal to those worshipping here for our shared Lenten service on March 21;
- approved Rebecca Bodden as an office substitute for the week of February 27-March 2.

Our Church History ...

From the Messenger, March 15, 1962:

Last Call — The deadline for materials and money for Operation Salem to Miami is rapidly approaching. Gifts may be brought either Sunday morning or to the Latin American Mission Study Sunday evening to be delivered next week to the First Spanish Presbyterian Church of Miami. Gifts of cash for the purchase of food, and gifts of sheets, blankets, towels, or clothing are priority items. Contributions should be brought to Fellowship Hall.

From the Messenger, March 22, 1962:

Guest Minister Next Sunday — In the absence of the pastor, as he and Mrs. Milligan attend services in the First Spanish United Presbyterian Church, Miami next Sunday, Rev. John C. Little, general Presbyter of Mahoning Presbytery, will occupy the pulpit at both services.



Sharing Brings Joy.

To Others, to God, and to Us.

Goal: \$6,000

The First Presbyterian Church of Salem has a history of generously contributing to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Please continue to support this effective and compassionate means of responding to human need both locally and globally. This offering sustains a number of important ongoing projects. Also, because of our gifts, we can be sure that whenever and wherever disaster strikes there will be resources available to respond with the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. OGHS Offering Envelopes are located in the Sanctuary Pew Racks.

BULLETINS — OPEN DATES:

March 11, 18, April 15, 29, May 13, 20, 27,
June 3, 10, 17, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; \$15/Sunday

FLOWERS — OPEN DATES:

April 15, 29, July 15, 29, August 12,
September 9, 30, October 7; \$10 a vase

Race for The ROC

Saturday, June 9

Waterworth Memorial Park / 5K Obstacle Race
Visit www.racefortheroc.com and consider registering to participate in the Race, serving as one of the many volunteers who will be needed, or even being a sponsor.

Michael McCulloch, Organizer



March



Happy Birthday!

Rolin Herron (8), Jim Mohr (10), Shirley Devan (14),
Ellen Tetlow (16), Joe Marra, Sam Pridon (21),
Suzanne Cain, Dick Shanker (24),
Dick Dougherty (26)

- 6 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 7 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - *The New Dale Shaffer Library* with Janice Lesher
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:45 SSJ Group (Gail Tetlow)
7:00 Community Lenten Service (S)
Haviland Choir Rehearsal *following Service*
7:30 Men's Study (110)
- 8 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
7:00 Finance (107)
- 9 / Fri 10:30 SSJ Group (Meta Cramer)
- 10 / Sat Turn Clocks Ahead One Hour**
- 11 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Praise Choir*
LOGOS serving Meal at St. Vincent DePaul in Youngstown
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 12 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 14 / Weds 9:00 February Circle
9:15 March Circle (110)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 15 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
7:00 Session (107)

18 / Sun



8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) *followed by Soup and Bread Lunch (FH)*
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

19 / Mon

6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

21 / Weds



5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Community Lenten Service (S)
Haviland Choir Rehearsal *following Service*
7:30 Men's Bible Study (110)

22 / Thurs

9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F

23 / Fri

Baddeley/Crowl Rehearsal (S)

24 / Sat

3:00 Crystal Baddeley / Justin Crowl
Wedding (S)

25 / Sun

8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Sunday School Together Time (FH)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

26 / Mon

6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

28 / Weds

5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Study (110)

29 / Thurs

9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH)

30 / Fri

No Preschool



April



Happy Birthday!

Georgiana Costa (20), Lois Herron (21),
Norman Pim (29), Jeanne Smith (16)

Salem Community Pantry

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

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Monetary donations should be made out to:

Salem Community Pantry / PO Box 222, Salem OH 44460

Worship Service Schedule

Cable TV Channel 9 / *Schedule subject to change

Sunday - 2 a.m.* / Tuesday - 12:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 4:00 a.m.*, 4:00 and 9:00 p.m.

Friday - 4:00 a.m.*, 4:00 p.m.* / Saturday - 2:00 a.m.*