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# The Presbyterian Messenger



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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## May 20 — The 7th Sunday of Easter / Ascension Sunday

Christian Education Brunch at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Proclamation of the Word: "A Service of Psalms" by the Haviland Choir

Scripture: I Samuel 16:14-23; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 24:44-53  
Liturgist: Mary Jo Milheim



## May 27 — The Day of Pentecost

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



Scripture: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21  
Sermon: "Every Breath You Take"  
Music: Haviland Choir  
Liturgist: Alice Jackson



Dear Friends,

May 20 is a big day in the life of our Church! Please keep in mind:

- (1) At 9 a.m., we will be thanking all who help with our Christian Education program with our annual "Christian Education Brunch." We are so grateful for all who teach and nurture our children and youth as they grow in their faith!
- (2) During 10:30 a.m. worship, the Haviland Choir will be leading worship with its Spring presentation, "A Service of Psalms." The Choir's Advent and Spring presentations are definitely among the highlights of the year! They also provide a wonderful opportunity to invite your friends to worship with you. Be sure to hear what John Krauss, Nancy McNeal, the Haviland Choir members and our guest musicians have prepared for us!
- (3) The team that is leading our Spiritual Strategic Journey process needs the responses from the Prayer Triplets (some of which include more than 3 people!). On page 20 of your "Dialogue and Prayer" packets, you will see an invitation to list your group's "top five to seven insights or discernments about God's future for our congregation." Your SSJ leadership team has only a narrow window of time in which to summarize these responses in preparation for our next meeting with our consultant, George Bullard. *Please submit your responses as soon as possible, hopefully by May 20, and via e-mail if possible to [phyllis@fpcsalem.org](mailto:phyllis@fpcsalem.org). Thank you!*

One more thing! The Day of Pentecost (May 27) concludes the Easter Season and ushers us into what is called "Ordinary Time." In other words, the next few months do *not* include Advent-Christmas-Epiphany or Lent-Easter-Pentecost. They are "just plain Sundays." If there is any portion of Scripture that you would like to hear tackled in a sermon, I would welcome your suggestions! While I can't promise to preach on every idea I receive, I would love to hear from you.

Stay tuned for announcements of our 8:30 a.m. services, which will begin on June 3, and for news of our Big Back Yard, which will be starting June 27.

Blessings, Meta

## Prayer Concerns

Helen Alcorn (*Theresa Jones' mother*), Wavelene Arnold, Roberta Bell, Chris Brown (*Choir Director at Methodist Church who needs a kidney transplant*), Ryan Christian (*Nancy Fawcett's friend, child*), Steven Courtwright (*Dolly Millikin's nephew*), Dan Crawford (*Linda Crawford's brother*), Stella Dominic, Alex Evans (*Lucy Works' friend*), Morgan Fennema (*Paul and Barb Fennema's granddaughter*), Ruth Garvey (*Angela Milligan's mother*), David George (*Mary Frances Breit's son-in-law*), Yvonne Goll (*Missionary with non-profit "Saving Innocence" in LA*), Dustin Gorby (*Mickey Buck's friend*), Ruth Gould, Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Dick and Char McDevitt, Pat Milligan (*Jim Milligan's mother*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's mother*), Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Gene Shafer, Roland and Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's parents*), Tom Smith, Scott Theil (*Ann Theil's son*)

## Special Care Facilities

**Blossom:** Georgiana Costa, 204B  
**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  
**Community Care Center:** Rosann Butler, 138; PO Box 2720, Alliance OH 44601  
**Copeland Oaks:** Chet Roof, 6-202; John and Jean Martsolf, 7-421  
**Courtyard:** Phyllis Lamb, 109; Betty Potter, 202 (*Helen Hayes' mother*); Linda Tonti, 209 (*John Tonti's mother*)  
**Covington:** Rev. Jack Austin; 100 Covington Dr, East Palestine OH 44413  
**Crandall:** Marilyn Clark, 185; Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*); Polly Kendall  
**Emeritus:** Norman Pim, 12; 4550 Hills and Dales Rd NW, Canton OH 44708  
**Essex 3:** Ibbey Dales, 211  
**Grace Woods Village:** Jo Hawkins, 234  
**Pleasant View North Retirement Center:** Helen Hum  
**Sterling House:** Dorothy Gibson, 303  
**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 May 6	\$ 4,095.00
Envelope Income received May 13	\$ 2,271.00
General Fund Balance, March 31, 2012	\$25,156.95
April Revenues	\$24,483.86
April Expenses	\$26,142.33
General Fund Balance, April 30, 2012	\$23,498.48
Pentecost Offering	\$ 744.67
Per Capita (\$30 / 2012 Goal: \$12,090)	\$ 2,310.00

## Armed Forces

- † SGT Fennema, John T.  
 2/9 Echo Company  
 Unit 74120 / FPO AE 09510-4120  
[fennema33@yahoo.com](mailto:fennema33@yahoo.com)  
*Paul and Barb Fennema's son*
- † 1LT Jon Halverstadt  
 C. Co. 403rd CA BN  
 FOB Salerno / APO AE 09314  
*Dave and Becky Halverstadt's son*
- † SPC Zachary Hill  
 A Co 1-17 Inf Regt 2-2 SBCT  
 FOB Spinboldak APO AE 09355  
[Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil](mailto:Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil)  
*Gloria Shafer's son*
- † SSGT Ryan Stith  
 Kilo Company / MCT SOI  
 Camp Pendleton CA 92055  
*Harvey and Sally Mason's grandson*



Many sincere thanks to our church family for the many thoughts, prayers, and cards. Thank you to the Session for the beautiful Sheaf of Wheat that has been hung on the wall as a reminder of our wonderful mother and grandmother. And one more special thank you to our Deacons for doing such a lovely job with the Bereavement Lunch.

*The Double Family*

Heartfelt thanks to the Deacons for the delicious meal and to all those who have supported us with cards and expressions of sympathy.

*The Family of Alice Fitch*

† In Memoriam †  
*Barbara Holmes Double*

Joined First Church  
 December 16, 1956

Died — May 1, 2012

† In Memoriam †  
*Alice Heisman Fitch*

Joined First Church  
 March 17, 1940

Died — May 1, 2012

*"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

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Ken and Kim Double and the family on the death of Ken's mother, Barbara Double; to the family of Alice Fitch; and to Barb Loudon and the family on the death of her mother in law, Mary Lou Loudon.



Congratulations to Jeff and Kerri (Johnson) Zacharias on the birth of Reagan Lee Zacharias on May 7th. Grandparents are Larry and Brenda Johnson.

Please notify the Church Office if you would be interested in receiving DVD copies of our Sunday services or if you want a recording of a particular service.

*Board of Deacons*

# Sonrise National Park VBS

June 11-15: 9 a.m. ~ Noon



**VBS Wish List** — Mini Marshmallows, 5 cans Spray Cheese, 150 piece Yogurt covered Raisins, 75 Vanilla Ice Cream Cups, Toffee Crumbs (Heath Bars), M & M's, 3 cans Chocolate Frosting, Waffle Cookies, 175 glazed Donut Holes, Teddy Grahams, Hot Cocoa mix, 50 aluminum coffee cans with lids, 50 frosting cans with lids, 5 corks

*Label the following items with your name and everything will be returned to you after the VBS program on June 17th:*

Artificial Christmas Trees / 2 Kayak Paddles / Camping Gear / Inflatable Pool

Registration forms at Sanctuary entrances and Church Office. Volunteers needed for decorating, stations, and snacks.  
Call Kim Double, 330-337-0512

## Our Church History ...

### From the Messenger, May 31, 1942:

**Church Tithe** — Any member who tithes regularly, may use the tithe as a subscription to the official Church paper, the "Presbyterian". This will help our conference fund for eight young people.

### From the Messenger, May 11, 1952:

**Salem Men Lead Again** — The men of the Salem church are certainly to be congratulated. Of the approximately 150 men present at the Mahoning Men's Council meeting at Alliance last week, about 45 or 50 were from our church. Once more we had the largest group of men present.

**Choir Festival** — Have you marked Sunday evening, May 25, as a date to be held open for attendance at the third annual choir festival? The plan was originated for the youth choirs, but has since grown to include the entire choir program of our church. Our church is fortunate in having such a program of musical training and should be given the full support of the congregation as they present this festival near the close of their active season.

### From the Messenger, May 20, 1982:

**This Sunday, May 23** will be part of the special 150th Sesquicentennial Celebration. As a part of the service, there will be a "Dialogue of Hopes and Dreams" which is an imaginary conversation between two stalwart members of the congregation in 1832. This will be done by two of our members. The music will be "old fashion" (some oldies, but goodies) and Rev. Niccolls has said he will attempt to fashion his sermon appropriately.

## Pilgrimage to Israel

Being in Israel makes the Bible come alive. A pilgrimage to Israel will have a profound impact on your faith. To walk where Jesus walked, to stand at the Western Wall, to pray in the garden of Gethsemane, to renew your baptismal vows in the Jordan River -- these are experience that deepen and enrich one's faith and let you read the Bible in a whole new way.

My husband Steve and I are planning to lead a trip to Israel in 2013. This will be our fourth trip. You are invited to an informational meeting about the trip on Tuesday, May 29 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at our home (781 S. Lincoln Avenue). We would appreciate knowing that you are coming so that we can prepare properly. This meeting does not constitute any commitment to the trip. We simply want to share information and receive in-put from anyone who's interested.

Please "RSVP" at the church. at home (330-337-5397), or by e-mail.

## News from The ROC of Salem

- **Race for The ROC** – Saturday, June 9 at Waterworth Memorial Park; register to be in the race, serve as a volunteer, or be a sponsor at [www.racefortheroc.com](http://www.racefortheroc.com)
- **3 pieces of used carpet, 12' x 30'**, are needed for the "Slip and Slide" at the Race for The ROC on June 9<sup>th</sup>; call Debbie McCulloch.
- **WYTV Interview with Michael McCulloch:**  
<http://www.clipsyndicate.com/video/playlist/5895/3485519?cpt=8&title=health&wpid=0>
- **Used Sneaker Drive** – shoes may be placed on the stage in Fellowship Hall through Friday, June 8.
- **Food Sponsors** are needed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at The ROC – gift card, food, money; call Penny Lippiatt.






# May



## Happy Birthday!

Florence Murdock (18), Ray Starbuck (19),  
Russell Loudon (24), Margaret Sheets (24),  
Tom Smith (28)

- 15 / Tues      Preschool Program Rehearsals (FH) - Tu/W
- 16 / Weds      7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 17 / Thurs     Preschool Programs (FH) - Th/F  
**7:00 Session (107)**
- 19 / Sat        9:00 Lois Frost Scholarship Auditions (S)
- 20 /Sun  
 9:00 Christian Education Brunch (FH)  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship — *Haviland Choir Program*  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3  
Blue and Gold Banquet (FH)
- 21 / Mon       6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 22 / Tues       5:00-7:00 Chicken and Biscuit Dinner by  
Rotary Club of Salem — fundraiser for  
Adopt-A-School Water Project in Tanzania  
See Rev. Cramer for tickets (\$8.50 each)  
No tickets will be sold at the door.
- 24 / Thurs     6:30 A.I.D. Board Meeting (107)
- 27 / Sun  
**Pentecost**  
 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship — *Communion*  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3  
Blue and Gold Banquet (FH)
- 28 / Mon       *Memorial Day*  
Church Office Closed 
- 29 / Tues       12:00 Eastminster Presbytery  
Committee on Ministry (110)  
1:30 Preschool Meeting (107)

# June

## Happy Birthday!

Jim Laughlin (1), Ralph Timmins (3),  
Jean Leimbach (4), Bill Butler (25)

- 1 / Fri           10:00-3:00 Eastminster Presbytery  
Conflict Management (FH)  
SSJ Learning Cluster (FH)
- 2/ Sat           SSJ Learning Cluster (FH)
- 3/ Sun           8:30 Morning Worship (Chapel)  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) — *Baptism*
- 4 / Mon         6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 Parent Meeting
- 5 / Tues         6:00 United Quilt Guild Challenge Night  
(FH, K, 107, 109)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (110)**
- 6 / Weds        12:00 Daytimers (FH)  
Program — *Our Organ* by Nancy McNeal
- 7 / Thurs       **7:00 Committee Night:**  
**Christian Education (106)**  
**Mission I and S (FH)**  
**Property and Maintenance (107)**  
**Worship, Music, Arts (109)**
- 10 / Sun         8:30 Morning Worship (Chapel)  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)
- 11 / Mon         9:00-12:00 Vacation Bible School  
**7:00 Congregational Care (110)**
- 12 / Tues        9:00-12:00 Vacation Bible School
- 13 / Weds        9:00-12:00 Vacation Bible School
- 14 / Thurs      **7:00 Finance and Administration (110)**
- 15 / Fri         9:00-12:00 Vacation Bible School

## Salem Community Pantry

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

**Urgent Needs — canned soup, small jars of  
peanut butter, and personal hygiene items.  
Place items in box on stage. Thank you!**

## 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.\*