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

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May 25 — The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reception of New Members

Scripture: Psalm 66:5-12, 16-20;
I Peter 3:8-22; John 15:1-5
Sermon: *Rites of Passage*
Music: Haviland Choir — *Mansions of the Lord*
Liturgist: Mike Newman



June 1 — The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Recognition of High School Graduates (tentative)

Scripture: Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23;
Acts 1:1-11
Sermon: *You Have Time to Do What?*
Music: Haviland Choir —
Lord, I Want to Be A Christian



Dear Friends,

Many, many thanks to John Krauss, Nancy McNeal, the Haviland Choir, and our guest musicians for yet another glorious morning of music! After worship, we had an auction which raised nearly \$1000 toward our commitment of \$5000 for the Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build.

Next weekend marks the start of “summer” for most of us, even though that season doesn’t officially arrive for another month. And with this season come several opportunities:

- On **Monday, May 26**, the Salem Ministerial Association is inviting members from each congregation to walk with us in Salem’s Memorial Day Parade. We will be distributing bookmarks bearing the words “Prayer Works” and a listing of the member churches. Our Deacons have made a donation toward the purchase of these bookmarks. Please consider joining me; we will be gathering on Broadway, near the Second Blessing store. A truck has been promised for those who’d rather not walk!
- On **Thursday, May 29**, we’ve been asked to serve lunch to those doing construction work for the Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build. Please be in touch with me or the church office if you’d like to help with this project.
- That same evening, **May 29**, a meeting will be held at the church at 7 p.m. to discuss how we will continue the Big Backyard, Denise Weingart’s legacy to us. ALL are welcome. (By the way our Bake Sale at the Benefit Dinner for Denise raised \$800!)
- On **June 8**, the Day of Pentecost, we will be collecting the Pentecost Offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). 60% of the funds received provide support for Young Adult Volunteers, the Presbyterian Church’s Youth Triennium, and other ministries with children and youth. 40% of our gifts stay with this congregation to help fund local ministries working with children, youth, and young adults. You will be hearing more about the Pentecost Offering in the days to come.

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Darla Allen (Kevin Chumney's sister), Wavelene Arnold, Marianne Barr (Debbie Blair's mother), Audrey Crawford (Linda Crawford's sister in law), 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), Tom Henry (Susan Merry's brother in law), Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jan Jones, Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (Phil Tetlow's cousins), Noah Long (child friend of Sandra Arter), Tim Loudon (Barb Loudon's husband), Susan McCullough (Susan Merry's co-worker), Dolly Millikin, Mary Moseley (Sally Collins' friend), Helen Newman (Jim Newman's mother), Ellie Parker, Shawn Pike, Sam Pridon, Marie Robinson (Kim Double's mother), Connie Bowman Rowe (Helen Hayes' friend), Gene Shafer, 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, Ruth Varkonda, 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)
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109
Crandall: Sally Darling; Betsy Johnson, 251 (Tom Johnson's wife); Kathleen Kirby, 9-162 (Gregg Rhodes' mother); Jim Mohr, 263
Essex III: Ibby Dales, 211
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
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 May 4, 2014	\$ 5,163.00
Envelope Income received May 11, 2014	\$ 4,926.00
Envelope Income received May 18, 2014	\$ 4,175.00
General Fund Balance, March 31, 2014	\$ 9,128.68
April Revenues	\$21,723.85
April Expenses	\$26,667.30
General Fund Balance, April 30, 2014	\$ 4,185.23
Church Sign Project	\$28,975.00
Per Capita (\$32/2014 Goal: \$11,104)	\$ 2,625.00

Military

FENNEMA, JOHN T. SGT
fennema33@yahoo.com
 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
 Richard H. Dale

Joined First Church:
 October 12, 1997

Died:
 May 18, 2014

"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 the family of Dick Dale, and to Barbara Loudon and the family on the death of her father, John Luecke Jr.



Congratulations to grandparents Steve and Kathy Stewart on the birth of Kelsy Stewart on April 23. Parents are Joel and Sarah Stewart.

Thank You

Dear Meta and Deacons,
 Thank you for your contribution to my literacy project. Thanks to your donation and donations from others, a large amount of books and writing materials are available for children at Saint Paul's Hispanic Center. Children are able to take books home, which will help to increase literacy.

Sincerely,
 Lisa Shafer

I want to thank Barbara Yonker for bringing the beautiful flowers from the Sunday service. I also appreciate all the cards, calls, food, and prayers during my recovery from hip surgery. The Presbyterian church family means a lot to me.

Jan Jones

Thank you to everyone who provided baked goods or auction items, volunteered, or attended the Pasta Benefit for Denise Weingart. It was a successful tribute to Denise's own kindness and generosity.

Wavelene Arnold

Many thanks for the lovely flowers and the CD of the church service that Kirk Hofmeister brought.

God's Blessing,
 Ruth Varkonda

Next Session Meeting:
 Sunday, June 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church,
meeting on May 15, 2014 . . .

- heard that the Christian Education Committee will host a Strawberry Festival on June 25 to kick off our "Big Backyard".
- heard that a meeting will be held on Thursday, May 29 at 7 p.m. for all persons interested in continuing our "Big Backyard," the legacy of Denise Herron Weingart.
- heard that geraniums and a cake are being ordered for Pentecost Sunday, June 8.
- heard that the Congregational Care Committee is planning a recognition of Cancer Survivors for Sunday, June 15 during worship.
- was reminded that each Committee Moderator should be tracking the budget line items relevant to that committee's work.
- authorized the Mission Interpretation Committee to organize a golf tournament this summer to benefit the Habitat for Humanity's Apostles Build.
- heard that we have reached the \$30,000 goal for our sign project, with almost 60 individuals participating.
- heard that our Personnel Policies are being reviewed and revised.
- heard that Boy Scout Troop 3 is planning summer camp and a field trip to an archeological site in Pennsylvania.
- heard a report on the May 13 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery from Commissioner Alice Jackson.
- decided not to meet during July but to hold committee meetings and a Session meeting in August in order to be prepared for fall programming.
- set the **June Session meeting for Sunday, June 8 at 9 a.m. sharp so that we may conduct necessary business and receive the Confirmation Class**
- engaged in intercessory prayer for members and friends of our congregation, including the family of our former Executive Presbytery, the Rev. Dr. John Sharick, who died unexpectedly on May 7.



Habitat for Humanity®



Habitat ReStore Tool Sale Saturday, May 31

If you have any tools you no longer use, please place them in the box on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Proceeds from this drive and the sale of these tools in the ReStore (1965 North Ellsworth Ave.) will be given directly to the Habitat Building Committee in an effort to purchase some much needed equipment and tools.

Youth News

Vacation Bible School: June 16-20

Age 4 through Grade 5

Volunteers are needed; call Jayne Bricker.



VBS Critter Café Snack Wish List:

Day 1 — Fruit Parfaits

Large tubs Vanilla Yogurt, Strawberries, Peaches, Oranges, Maraschino Cherries

Day 2 — Masterpiece Munchies (Cookies)

75 Sugar Cookies, Vanilla and Chocolate Frosting, M & M's, Pull and Peel Twizzlers, Chocolate Sprinkles

Day 3 — People Paws (Popcorn hands)

75 packs of fruit snacks, Non-Latex gloves (one for each child, 75), Popcorn

Day 4 — A Slice of Heaven (cross bread)

75 slices of Bread, Tubs of Butter or Margarine, Plain Cinnamon, Cinnamon Sugar, 75 Index Cards

Day 5 — Fruit bites (jello cup)

75 clear cups of Jello, Redi-Whip, M & M's

General Items:

75 — 9 oz clear Plastic Cups for each day

75 Large Marshmallows

75 Paper Plates per day

Large bag of 75 Fruit Chews (1 day)

Small pack of Dixie cups



Beaver Creek Camp: Anyone interested in sending their child to summer church camp, please contact Kim Double. Information is in Fellowship Hall.

Limited Deacon Scholarship Funds are available for students from our church who are enrolled in College or University and who have not previously received Deacon assistance. Requests should be sent to the Church Office stating the name of the college, university, or college attending, and course of study, if known. Financial need and/or academic standing are not necessary to determine acceptance. Deadline: Monday, June 30.

Cancer Recognition Sunday — June 15


Cancer has touched and continues to touch many or all of our church families' lives. The Congregational Care Committee would like to acknowledge those in our church who celebrate every day as "Cancer Survivors" and celebrate with them. During our worship service on June 15, we would like to recognize those in our church family who are "Cancer Survivors." If you are a "Cancer Survivor" and would like to be recognized that day, please let us know by calling the Church Office by June 8. (We would like to recognize you even if you are unable to attend the service.)



May

Happy Birthday!

Russell Loudon (24), Margaret Sheets (24)

- 25 / Sun 9:00 Confirmation Class (107)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
- 26 / Mon *Memorial Day* 
Church Office Closed
- 27 / Tues 12:00 Eastminster Presbytery COM (110)
- 29 / Thurs 7:00 Big Backyard Meeting (107)
- 30 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)

June

Happy Birthday!

Jim Laughlin (1), Bill McCormick (2), Ralph Timmins (3),
Jean Leimbach (4), Harvey Mason (23)

- 1 / Sun 9:00 Confirmation Class (107)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
6:00 Scout Blue and Gold Banquet (FH)
- 3 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild Workshop
and Challenge Night (FH)
9:30 Salem Ministerial Association (110)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 4 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - Program:
Chaney Nezbeth, Habitat ReStore Manager
- 5 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),
Mission I and S (FH), Property (107),
Worship (110)**
- 8 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Session Meeting (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Confirmation / Communion*
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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.**

- 11 / Thu 6:00 April Circle — Guilford Grill
- 13 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)
- 15 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Ruth Girard Cole in Pulpit
Cancer Survivor Recognition*
- 16 / Mon 9:00 Vacation Bible School
- 17 / Tues 8:30-1:00 Church Office Hours
9:00 Vacation Bible School
- 18 / Weds 8:30-1:00 Church Office Hours
9:00 Vacation Bible School
- 19 / Thurs 9:00 Vacation Bible School
- 20 / Fri 9:00 Vacation Bible School
- 22 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *VBS Program*
- 25 / Weds **5:00 Big Backyard Kick Off -
Strawberry Festival by CE Committee**
- 27 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)
- 29 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)

July

Happy Birthday!

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

- 2 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH)
- 4 / Fri *Independence Day* 
Church Office Closed
- 6 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)

Worship Schedule on TV

Sunday — 1 & 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
Cable TV Channel 9 / Schedule Subject to Change