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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)
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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May 8 — The 7th Sunday of Easter

Presentation of First Grade Books

Scripture: Psalm 100
Acts 9:36-42
John 10:25-30
Sermon: *Firmly in the Flock*
Liturgist: Mickey Buck
Music: Haviland Choir -
Soon and Very Soon

May 15 — Pentecost Sunday

Dr. Calvin Taylor, special guest of the Haviland Choir, will present a sermon in songs: “*Holy Scripture - Alive with Sounds of Music*”.



Please invite your friends to our annual Spring celebration of music!



Dear Friends,

The Bible sometimes describes the people of God as a “family” or a “household.” In fact, we often speak here at FPC of “our church family.” Mother’s Day, celebrated this coming Sunday, turns our thoughts (sometimes accompanied by a jumble of emotions) to those nearest and dearest to us. Jesus said that his family consists of those “who hear the Word of God and do it.” That means that we are right when we refer to our congregation as a family. Jesus has called us together to show familial care and attentiveness to one another. But ... there’s more.

Our family of faith extends even beyond our own congregation. The Presbyterian Church’s *Directory for Worship* says:

As they are united with Christ through faith, Baptism unites the people of God with each other and with the church of every time and place. Barriers of race, gender, status, and age are to be transcended. Barriers of nationality, history, and practice are to be overcome.

All the baptized, in every time and place, constitute our household of faith.

We have recently received two gifts, both crosses. One was presented by our own Mickey Buck, after she returned from working with Habitat for Humanity in El Salvador. The other was presented to us on the evening of May 1 by Lee and Judi Bender, whom we helped to support as they traveled to Lebanon with a group from Eastminster Presbytery. I would like to think that these two gifts are the foundation of a new collection! Some of us are planning a trip to Guatemala in 2017 so that we can learn from, be present with, and pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ there under the leadership of Presbyterian Mission Co-Workers. A meeting will take place on the evening of May 3; please let me or Mark Smith know of your interest.

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Denny Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Eddie Broome (*Sally Collins' brother-in-law*), Sandy Byers (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Darby Jeffries Colian, Gary and Sandy Colian (*Kim Colian's in-laws*), Linda Crawford, Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Brenda Farley (*Ethel Clark's daughter*), Nancy Fawcett, Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's grand-daughter, daughter-in-law*), Rev. Dick Ferris, Berneda Fitch, Lynden and Mary Lou Gamble, Pat Garick, Theresa George (*Fred and Phyllis Denton's daughter*), Charles Hamilton (*Rich and Pat Eichler's nephew*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Brandi Koerner (*Nancy Fawcett's niece*), Adrienne Leiendecker (*Dick and Eileen Shanker's neighbor's daughter*), Russell Loudon, Larry Lozier, Jim Munnholland (*Carol Ricciardi's friend*), Mike Murphy, Charles Pakosta, Don Palmer (*Rich Eichler's uncle*), Presbytery Mission Design Team, Clarence and Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's parents*), Steve Rozeski (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Lee Schrum (*Carol Ricciardi's brother-in-law*), Gene Shafer, Tom Shafer and Carol Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's husband, mother*), Bob Stroble (*Member of Eastminster Presbytery Committee on Ministry*), Jon Tetlow (*Phil Tetlow's brother*), Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's daughter*), Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Ruth Wright (*Ann Sandrock's friend*)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: MaryLou Timmins
Birchaven Village: Jean Leimbach, 124; 15100 Birchaven Ln, Findlay OH 45840
Blossom: Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's mother*)
Brookdale Salem: Pat Butler, 502; Dorothy Gibson, 303
Brookdale Austintown: Henry and Dottie Zimmerman; 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd 44515
Courtyard: Janice Olmstead, 301
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251; John Martsof, 215
Essex III: Ibby Dales, 215

Envelope Income received April 3	\$ 3,257.50
Envelope Income received April 10	\$ 5,049.50
Envelope Income received April 17	\$ 2,839.50
Envelope Income received April 24	\$ 3,817.50
General Fund Balance, March 31, 2016	\$11,046.48
LOGOS Rummage Sale	\$ 1,076.49
One Great Hour of Sharing (Goal - \$4,000)	\$ 3,450.50
Per Capita (\$32.15 per Active Member)	\$ 1,686.05

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

Lake Vista of Cortland: Margaret Sheets, Apt 105; 303 North Mecca St, Cortland OH 44410; 330-638-9125

Village at Westerville: Bruno and Kay Stanga; 215 Huber Village Blvd, C100, Westerville OH 43081; 614-948-3295

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

Whispering Pines: Rolin Herron, 146; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Military

FENNEMA, JOHN T. SGT
fennema33@gmail.com
Paul and Barb Fennema's son

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Roy and Rebecca Hively and the family on the death of Roy's sister, Carolyn Hively.

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HOSTAS PLANTS - Ellen Maticcik has an abundant supply and would like to share. She can bring to Fellowship Hall next Sunday, or call her for more details, 330-222-1870.

*Kitchen Towels are needed.
 Please save pop can tabs.*



Dear Friends at First Presbyterian,
 Many thanks for your \$500 gift to the Banquet in Salem. Each week and fourth Thursday we offer a hot meal to all who come. God's Blessing,
Bill Wilkins

Dear Meta and Church Family,
 As much as I dislike being sick, I have loved receiving your thoughtful notes and calls of concern. The kind thoughts and love have helped me to feel so much better. Thank you for keeping me in your prayers. God has certainly blessed me in my diagnosis and recovery. Love,
Mary Winch

Dear Church Family,
 Lynden and I are enjoying the pretty flowers that Tom Mercer delivered today. We thank you for the flowers and prayers. Everyone's support means a lot. Sincerely,
Mary Lou Gamble

I'd like to thank the group of volunteers who worked this last Saturday on grounds clean-up, weed pulling, and adding fresh mulch to our many decorative beds - in particular: David Plummer; Jeremy, Julie, Luke, and Elena Mackall; Paul Fennema; Ed, Cody, Andre, and Kirill Tonkinson. All kept very busy and were somewhat tired at the end of the morning. Again, Thank You All!

*Mark Flake, Moderator
 Property Committee*

Thank you so much for making our Rummage Sale a huge success!!
Kim Double, LOGOS

Photo Sessions for Pictorial Directory

Monday and Tuesday, May 9-10

Call Church Office to schedule appointment.

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio, meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2016...

- Had devotions reminding us that Jesus wants us to be his witnesses “to the ends of the earth”.
- Heard Clerk of Session Alice Jackson extend thanks to Marcia Shepard and Cara Stephens for “filling in” during her sojourn in Florida.
- Heard that the Rev. Marty Radcliff will be our liaison with Eastminster Presbytery.
- Heard that Vacation Bible School will take place on the evenings of June 5-9.
- Heard that \$144 for the Salem Community Pantry was received at the Spring Soup Luncheon.
- Heard that several peony plants had been donated to the Peace Garden in memory of Mary Frances Breit.
- Heard that 8:30 worship will be available in the Chapel beginning on June 5 and extending through August 28.
- Approved holding Denise’s Big Backyard on eight Wednesday evenings - from June 22 to August 10.
- Heard that an Eagle Scout Court of Honor had been held by Troop 3 and that Pack 3 is working on a service project with the Storybook Museum.
- Engaged in prayers of intercession for those in need.

Presbyterian Women’s Association

Basket Raffle ~ Sunday, May 15

Any groups, circles, families, or individuals are welcome to donate a basket (call Jan Jones if you need a basket). Baskets must be turned in by next Sunday, May 8 for display in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for six. Money raised will go to local missions. Basket themes are:

- A Few of Our Favorite Things (Session)
- Asian Day (September Circle)
- Beach Fun (January Circle)
- Cat (May Circle)
- Chocolate (May Circle)
- Dog (May Circle)
- Gardening (Recycling Interest Group)
- Italian (Congregational Care Committee)
- May Flowers (November Circle)
- Party Time (Jim Gibbs)
- Red, White and Blue (April Circle)
- Specialty Chocolate (September Circle)
- Salem (Haviland Choir)



Youth News

Sunday School:

May 8 - No Sunday School

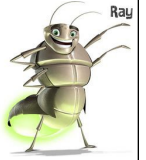
May 15 - Christian Education Brunch

Vacation Bible School:

Cave Quest — Following Jesus: The Light of the World
Sunday, June 5 - Thursday, June 9 / 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Closing Program on Sunday, June 12

Call Jayne Bricker if you would like to help.



Dr. Calvin Taylor Sunday, May 15

Renowned musician Dr. Calvin Taylor and the Haviland Choir will present “Holy Scripture - Alive with Sounds of Music” during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Dr. Taylor will also present a piano concert at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Dr. Taylor was born in Los Angeles and began playing piano in all keys at the age of five. By age fourteen, he was serving as organist in several churches and was a member of both the Los Angeles junior Philharmonic and Southwest Youth Symphony.



Holding degrees in music from Oberlin Conservatory, The University of Michigan, and The University of Kentucky, Dr. Taylor has authored music books including *Spirituals for the Piano*, *Sacred Classics*, *The Patriotic Piano*, and *Five Spirituals for Organ*.

For over thirty years, Dr. Taylor has been working full-time in traveling music ministry. He has toured around the world, performing in North and South America, Europe, Ukraine, and the Far East.

More information on Calvin Taylor can be found at www.calvintaylormusic.org.



For Sale: The church’s purchase of a new lawn tractor allows us to sell our well maintained 1999 Cub Cadet Lawn Tractor, Model 2135. We will be asking \$900. If anyone within the congregation has an interest or knows someone who does, please call the Church Office to arrange a showing.



May

Birthdays

Russell Loudon (24), Margaret Sheets (24)

- 4 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - *Preschool Program*
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I10)
- 5 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),
Mission I & S (FH), Property (107),
Worship, Music, Arts (109)**
- 8 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (I10)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S) - *Grade 1 Books
Baskets on Display in Fellowship Hall*
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
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- 9 / Mon 2:30-8:45 Picture Make Up Day (FH)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 10 / Tues 2:30-8:45 Picture Make Up Day (FH)
12:00 November Circle (*Barb Yonker's home*)
- 11 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I10)
- 12 / Thurs Preschool Toy Washing (K)
6:30 Recycling Refresher Course (107)
7:00 Finance and Administration (I10)
- 13 / Fri 9:15-11:30 Preschool Decorating (FH)
9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)
- 15 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (I10)
9:00 Christian Education Brunch (FH)
9:15 New Member Class (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) - **Pentecost Party**
10:30 Worship (S) - *A Sermon in Song with
Dr. Calvin Taylor and Haviland Choir*
Basket Raffle following Worship
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
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- 16 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

- 19 / Thurs Preschool Spring Program (FH)
7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)
- 20 / Fri Preschool Spring Program (FH)
- 22 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (I10)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S) -
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
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- 23 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 24 / Tues Church Office closes early afternoon
- 26 / Thurs 12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (107)
6:00 A.I.D. Board Meeting (107)
- 27 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)
- 29 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (I10)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)
- 30 / Mon Memorial Day
Church Office Closed



June

Birthdays

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

- 1 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - NASA
- 2 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),
Mission I & S (FH), Property (107),
Worship, Music, Arts (109)**
- 5 / Sun 8:30 Morning Prayer in the Chapel
9:00 Adult Bible Study (I10)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary
6:00-8:30 Vacation Bible School
- 6 / Mon 6:00-8:30 Vacation Bible School
7:00 Board of Deacons (I10)



Salem Community Pantry

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

ITEMS NEEDED:

Peanut Butter, Plastic Grocery Bags
Place items at north entrance.

Worship Schedule on Cable TV Channel 9*

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

Schedule Subject to Change / *Must have Digital Box to View.