

First Presbyterian Church
436 East Second Street
Salem OH 44460-2816
330-337-9555 / Fax 888-386-2321
www.fpcsalem.org and First Presbyterian
Church of Salem, Ohio on Facebook

The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School - *Classes at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Volume LXXXII

May 5, 2015

No. 9

Periodicals Postage Paid at Salem, OH 44460, USPS 442500. Postmaster: Send address changes to *The Presbyterian Messenger*, 436 East Second Street, Salem, OH 44460-2816.

May 10 — The 6th Sunday of Easter

The Sacrament of Baptism and the Reception of Members

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7
Acts 10:44-48
John 15:9-17

Sermon: "Chosen and Loved"
Music: The Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Sue Skiba



May 17 — The 7th Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

The Haviland Choir presents
A Tribute to Moses Hogan.



Scripture: Psalm 47
Psalm 93
Luke 24:44-53

Dear Friends,

What a lovely Easter Season! Thank you for warmly welcoming the Rev. Nancy Kahaian, for your enthusiastic response to Youth Sunday, and for the fun we had on "Earth Sunday" as we learned more about caring for our planet. This past week we ordained new Ruling Elder Dave Plummer and welcomed him to the Session.

May promises to continue to be a joyful and meaningful month.

- On May 10 we will officially welcome Roxanne (Wilms) Harrington back into our congregation and receive her daughter Elizabeth as a member upon baptism and profession of faith. We'll also be celebrating the baptisms of Tyson and Tegan Jackson, sons of Tricia (Wilms) and Tyler Jackson.
- May 17 brings the annual spring presentation by the Haviland Choir, which is always *wonderful!* This is a great time to invite your friends to worship with us.
- On May 24 – the Day of Pentecost – we will welcome Brad and Emily Davis into membership and rejoice in the baptisms of Luke and Jake as we recognize the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- **GRACE ABOUND!**

Thank you too for your generous response to One Great Hour of Sharing... we have come close to meeting our goal. The next "Special Offering" on the horizon is the Pentecost Offering, which supports Young Adult Volunteers, Youth Ministry, and initiative to help children-at-risk. We keep 40% of the Pentecost Offering for local distribution, and the Session has acted to direct that portion to The ROC of Salem, which definitely ministers to middle-school and high-school students "at risk" in Salem. Please consider this need prayerfully.

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Salem Regional Medical Center — Ann Theil, 3008

Others — Tim Breit (*Mary Frances Breit's son*), Eddie Broome (*Sally Collins' brother-in-law*), Darby Jeffries Colian, Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Rev. Dick Ferris, Berneda Fitch, Debbie Goulish (*Meta Cramer's friend*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Rolin Herron, Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jean Johnson (*now home*), Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Gary Kekel, Ron Krauss (*John Krauss' cousin*), Sue Kyser, Jean Leimbach (*15100 Birchaven Ln Apt 129, Findlay OH 45840-7766*), Brenda Lipp, Casey Martinez (*Colleen Chappell's niece*), Tracy Rees (*Penny Judge's daughter*), Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Scot and Rory Robertson, Dr. Marilyn Roderick (*Juanita Latham's daughter*), Gene Shafer, Edison Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's step-father*), Lorin Shepard, Julie Smith (*Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law*), Jana Stile (*Steve and Kathy Stewart's daughter*), Bob Stroble (*Member of Eastminster Presbytery Committee on Ministry*), Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa's daughter*), Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Nelson Works (*Lucy Works' brother*)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum; MaryLou Timmins
Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's mother*)
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109; Ann Theil, 102
Crandall: Sally Darling, 298; Betsy Johnson, 251
Essex III: Ibby Dales, 215
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Sterling House: Pat Butler, 502; 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 April 5	\$ 6,893.00
Envelope Income received April 12	\$ 2,830.00
Envelope Income received April 19	\$ 4,372.00
Envelope Income received April 26	\$ 3,805.00
Envelope Income received May 3	\$ 3,060.00
General Fund Balance, March 31	\$23,930.70
One Great Hour of Sharing (Goal: \$4,000)	\$ 3,662.00
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 2,436.00
LOGOS Rummage Sale	\$ 873.40

Military

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

HARP, ALEX LCPL
alex.j.harp@gmail.com
John and Joetta Tonti's grandson



In Memoriam

Sally (Miskimins) Darling

United with First Church
 April 10, 1949

Died — April 29, 2015

"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



The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Tom Darling and Scot Darling and the family on the death of their mother, Sally (Miskimins) Darling; and to Jim and Janet Robarge and the family on the death of a relative in Massachusetts.



Congratulations to Michael and Beth Woods on the birth of Katherine Maisie Woods on April 29. Proud grandparents are Bill and Cheryl McDevitt.



Special thanks to Paul Fennema, Mark Flake, Jeremy Mackall, Dave Plummer, Ed Tonkinson, Andre Tonkinson, and Kirill Tonkinson for their help with the outside Work Day last Saturday.

Recycling News

Plans are being finalized for a tour of the Kimble materials recovery facility (where the recyclables are sorted). It is located in Twinsburg, Ohio. Those interested in joining us, please watch for the announcement of the final date. It will be late in May on a weekday morning. We will be car-pooling from the church.



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. The deadline for requests is June 30.

Your Session at Work

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church
of Salem, Ohio, meeting on April 30, 2015...

- Welcomed a visit from the Rev. Bonnie Dutton, assigned to us as a Committee on Ministry liaison
- Gave approval for the LOGOS group to attend the New Wilmington Missionary Conference at Westminster College July 18-25
- Approved the planning of a GenOn (LOGOS) training event for a possible date of August 15
- Commended the Recycling Group on its fine work and approved a "field trip" to the Kimble recycling facility in Twinsburg
- Elected Ruling Elder Mark Flake (and Ruling Elder Alice Jackson as alternate) as the commissioner to the May 12 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery
- Examined Ruling Elder-elect Dave Plummer and approved his ordination for May 3
- Received Roxanne (Wilms) Harrington back into church membership upon Reaffirmation of Faith, approved Elizabeth Paige Harrington for membership upon Baptism and Profession of Faith, and approved the Baptisms of Tyson Evert and Tegan Lee Jackson, sons of Tricia (Wilms) and Terry Jackson
- Ratified an e-poll granting Rev. Meta Cramer permission to attend the PCUSA "Big Tent" event being held July 30-August 2 in Tennessee as part of her continuing education for the year, and granted her Sunday, June 28 away from the pulpit so that she may preach at the installation service for the Rev. Mark Phillips at the Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church in Dearborn, Michigan
- Discussed our church's strengths and its possible vocation as defined by Frederick Buechner – "where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet"
- Offered prayers of intercession for our church family, friends, and the world

Seniors' Prom "Fire and Ice"

Saturday, May 16

6-10 p.m.

Salem High School
Cafeteria

High School "Encore"
show choir will perform.

Free admission.

Pick up tickets by calling
the high school office at
330-332-8905.

The Raleigh Ringers

World Renowned
Hand Bell Choir

Saturday, June 20

7:00 p.m.

Umstadd Performing
Arts Hall at

McKinley High School

Tickets — \$15 in advance
or \$20 at the door.

Call 330-327-9449

Vacation Bible School:

Everest: Conquering Challenges
with God's Mighty Power



VBS will be held June 15-19 for ages 4 through Grade 5 with the program held during morning Worship on Sunday, June 21. If you would like to help, please call Jayne Bricker.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Responds to Earthquake Disaster in Nepal

The death toll from the massive earthquake in Nepal continues to rise. Nearly 4,000 are known dead and more than 6,000 were injured when the 7.8 quake struck just west of the capital of Kathmandu on April 25. The quake, the worst in more than 80 years, along with many serious aftershocks has also caused damage in parts of India and Bangladesh.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas with our partner, ACT Alliance and its members who are already on the ground. Immediate response will help provide needed food, water, supplies and medicine to the impacted towns and villages. As long term recovery plans are developed, PDA will accompany and further financially support our partners in the area to insure that a comprehensive recovery is sustained.

The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" – Give. Act. Pray.

Give: Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR999999 with reference to Nepal. Gifts can be made online, by phone (800) 872-3283 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. (EST), or checks can be mailed to the Church Office and we will send to Eastminster Presbytery.

Act: Learn how your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook, download resources and share updates with your congregation.

Pray: Pray for those who suffered loss of family or those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

For more information, visit www.pcusa.org/pda.

*"And after the earthquake...the sound of sheer silence,
and a Voice said: 'what are you doing here'"*
(1 Kings 19:12-13)

May


Happy Birthday!

Russell Loudon (24), Margaret Sheets (24)

- 6 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 7 / Thurs **Committee Night: Christian Ed (106),
Mission I & S (FH), Property (107),
Worship (110)**
- 10 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 11 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 12 / Tues 12:00 November Circle (Annabell's)
1:00 Eastminster Presbytery at First
Presbyterian Church in Warren
- 13 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 14 / Thurs 9:00-11:00 Preschool Spring Program (FH/K)
7:00 Finance and Administration (110)
- 15 / Fri 9:00-11:00 Preschool Spring Program (FH/K)
9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)
- 17 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Christian Education Brunch (FH)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Tribute to Moses Hogan by
The Haviland Choir and Guests*
- 18 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
6:30 Quilt Show Meeting (107)
- 21 / Thurs 10:00-12:00 American Red Cross (FH)
12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (110)
7:00 Session (107)

- 24 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
Pentecost 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
Recycling Interest Group — *tentative*



- 25 / Mon *Memorial Day —*
Church Office Closed 
- 29 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)
- 31 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)

June

Happy Birthday!

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

- 2 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 3 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - Program by
Shane Franks of Memorial Building
- 4 / Thurs **7:00 Committees: Christian Ed (106),
Mission I & S (FH), Property (107),
Worship (110)**
- 7 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
11:30 Personnel Committee with Staff on
Personnel Policy/Procedure
- 8 / Mon **7:00 Congregational Care (107)**
- 11 / Thurs **7:00 Finance and Administration (107)**
- 12 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)
- 14 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)



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, personal hygiene items, and plastic 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