



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

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May 11 — The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Nehemiah 9:6-15, Psalm 23,
John 10:1-10
Sermon: *The Lord, Our Shepherd*
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Sue Skiba



May 18 — The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Haviland Choir will present "Celtic Choir" with
guest instrumentalists.

Scripture: Psalms 42:1-8, 43:3-4
Colossians 1:15-20
Revelation 21:1-7, 22:1-2



Dear Friends,

The word "Celtic" has been heard a lot recently in Christian circles. The Haviland Choir has presented a couple of "Celtic" services in the past, and on May 18 they will sing the cantata "Celtic Choir."

One of the best summaries of what "Celtic Christianity" means is found in a 2002 article by Brad Kent in *Presbyterians Today*. This article, called "Beneath the Celtic Cross of Jesus," lists these emphases:



- Perhaps the most distinctive feature of Celtic Christianity is its affinity with nature. ...The Celts believed that all creation is alive with God's presence. Because God's Spirit dwells in all living things, everything is inherently good; therefore all creation is to be treated sacramentally.
- The good creation has been corrupted by evil. Because it is the work of a good Creator, all of creation is essentially good. However, it has been corrupted by evil.
- For the Celts salvation was the restoration of original goodness. What had been covered needed to be uncovered. What had been lost needed to be found. This finding and uncovering was the work of Jesus, who came to conquer evil and restore creation's goodness.
- Life in this world is intertwined with life in the world beyond this one. The communion of saints was a vibrant reality for the Celts, who believed that those who had died remained present to them. Only a thin, permeable membrane separates those living on earth and those living with God.
- God is encountered in the ordinary. Like the ancient Hebrews, the Celts were earthy people who led simple lives. Believing God was involved in all the ordinary events of their lives, they prayed constantly asking God to bless whatever they were doing.
- Hospitality was a cardinal virtue of the Celts. Since each person bears the divine image, hospitality must be extended to all. Friends and strangers were received with equal graciousness. Belief in hospitality led to a deep concern for the poor and less fortunate.
- Their evangelism was affirming and persuasive rather than threatening and coercive. They did not so much seek to bring Christ to others as to help others discover the Christ that was already within and around them and allow him to uncover their true identity as God's children.

Since Celtic Christianity leads to "a deep concern for the poor and less fortunate," it is appropriate that, following the Choir's presentation during May 18 worship, an auction will be held to help fund this Church's commitment to the Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build. Some light refreshments will be served by our Congregational Care Committee to tide us over as we bid on some treasures. It's not too late to contribute something for the auction; just bring it to the Church as soon as possible.

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*), Dick Dale, 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*), Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jan Jones (*had hip surgery April 30*), Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (*Phil Tetlow's cousins*), Tim Loudon (*heart surgery in Cleveland on May 7*; *Barb Loudon's husband*), Susan McCullough (*Susan Merry's co-worker*), Dolly Millikin, Mary Moseley (*Sally Collins' friend*), Helen Newman (*Jim Newman's mother*), Shawn Pike, Sam Pridon, Marie Robinson (*Kim Double's mother*), Connie Bowman Rowe (*Helen Hayes' friend*), Gene Shafer, Dick Shanker, 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: Ibbey 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
General Fund Balance, February 28, 2014	\$ 6,014.56
March Revenues	\$26,012.60
March Expenses	\$22,898.48
General Fund Balance, March 31, 2014	\$ 9,128.68
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 3,321.90
Church Sign Project	\$28,450.00
LOGOS Rummage Sale	\$ 602.72
Per Capita (\$32/2014 Goal: \$11,104)	\$ 2,625.00

Military

FENNEMA, JOHN T. SGT
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John and Joetta Tonti's grandson



In Memoriam
Josephine Mae (Hans) Hendricks

Joined First Church:
 March 20, 1986

Died:
 April 26, 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



The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Dan and Sandi Hendricks and the family on the death of Dan's mother, Jo Hendricks.

Open Dates for Bulletins:
 May 11, 18, June 1, 8, 15, July 6, 20, 27, August 3, 17, 24, September 7, 14, 21, 28; cost is \$15 a Sunday.

Open Dates for Flowers:
 July 6, August 10, 24, 31, September 7, 21; cost is \$10 a vase.

Thank You

Nick and Debbie Mager wish to thank all those members and friends of First Presbyterian Church who have graced them with cards, notes, calls, and prayers on the occasion of the death of Nick's mother.

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and your thoughtfulness.
George and Roberta Bell

Thank you for the Easter Lily delivered by Lorin and Marcia Shepard.
Jim Mohr

Thank you for all your donations for our Rummage Sale. We collected \$602.72 towards our summer mission trip.
Kim Double, LOGOS



Pentecost Geranium Sale

Place Orders next Sunday,
 May 11 in
 Fellowship Hall or
 call the Church Office
 during the week.

Plants will grace the Sanctuary on
 Pentecost Sunday, June 8.

Pasta Dinner Benefit

*in memory of
Denise Herron Weingart*

The co-workers of Denise Herron Weingart are serving a Pasta Dinner in her memory here at the Church this Friday, May 9 from 4-7 p.m. All proceeds will be used to cover final expenses. The cost for the dinner is \$8 per person, \$4 for children under 10 and free for children under 5.

A silent auction is also planned, with bids taken for donated baskets and donated gift cards to be provided by a number of organizations, groups and individuals. The Columbiana County Bar Association donated the funds for a \$500 gift certificate to the Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake which will be raffled off. The proceeds from that raffle will benefit our Big Backyard, a program Denise started and for which she assumed responsibility.

Members and friends of the Church are sponsoring a bake sale; please call Wavelene Arnold if you wish to make a donation of baked goods or otherwise help with this event.



Auction to Benefit Apostles' Build Sunday, May 18 following Worship

If you have some items that were a little too nice for the LOGOS Rummage Sale, please consider making a donation. If you have something to contribute that you made with your own hands, that would be very nice as well. Please call the Church Office and let us know if you would be willing to donate an item of salable quality to benefit our pledge to Habitat for Humanity.

Please Note: Help is needed at the build site (223 W. Pershing) this Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. to install house floor deck. Individuals should be able to use scaffolding, ladders, and carry a minimum of 25lbs (carrying 2x10's).

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

Sunday School:

May 11



Christian Education Brunch at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to celebrate and thank all of the wonderful people who have volunteered their time to the children of this church.

Vacation Bible School:

Age 4 through Grade 5

VBS will be held June 16-20 with the program held during morning Worship on Sunday, June 22. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, please call Jayne Bricker.



Beaver Creek Camp:

Anyone interested in sending their child to summer church camp, please contact Kim Double. Information is posted on the bulletin board 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. The deadline for requests is Monday, June 30.

Cancer Recognition Sunday June 15




Cancer has touched and continues to touch many or all of our church families' lives. As friends and family, we celebrate the gift of life these survivors are today experiencing. 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)

- 7 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) — *Preschool Program*
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 8 / Thurs Preschool Toy Washing (K)
7:00 Finance (107)
- 9 / Fri 4:00-7:00 Pasta Dinner Benefit:
Denise Herron Weingart (FH) 
- 11 / Sun 9:00 Christian Education Brunch (FH)
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *1st Grade Books*
- 12 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 13 / Tues 12:00 November Circle (Coffee Shop at
Salem Regional Medical Center)
- 14 / Weds 9:30 March Circle (110)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)
- 15 / Thurs Preschool Program (FH/K)
Mary Lynn Maticisk/Terry Jackson Rehearsal
7:00 Session (107)
- 16 / Fri Preschool Programs (FH/K)
9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)
4:00 Wedding (S) -
Mary Lynn Maticisk /Terry Jackson
- 18 / Sun 9:00 Confirmation Class (107)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Haviland Choir Program:*
"The Celtic Choir"
Apostles Build Auction following Worship
for our Habitat for Humanity pledge
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



- 19 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 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
- 30 / Fri Deadline for Deacon Scholarships
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/Gold Banquet (FH)
- 3 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild Workshop
and Challenge Night (FH)
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)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Confirmation and
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*
- 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*



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.**

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