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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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## November 6 — The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daylight Savings Time Ends — Let your clocks “fall back” and enjoy an extra hour of sleep!



Scripture: Joshua 24:2-5, 11-15; Psalm 70:1, 4-5; Matthew 25:14-30  
Sermon: “Grateful Investing”  
Liturgist: Jennifer Hardy  
Music: Praise and Haviland Choirs



Fall Soup &  
Dessert Lunch  
following  
Worship

## November 13 — Consecration Sunday

Celebration of Thanksgiving Luncheon following Worship



Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:2-4, 7-10; Psalm 95:1-5; Luke 12:13-21  
Sermon: “What’s It Going to Be?” — The Rev. Jim Mohr, preaching  
Music: Cherub and Haviland Choirs



Thanksgiving  
Dinner  
following  
Worship

Dear Friends,

I am writing this note to you more than a week before you will read it, although by then I will have returned from my work with the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission. As I look out my office window this day, I can still see some brilliant fall colors through the raindrops. However, we’ll soon be able to recite the lines my kids learned in pre-school: *No bird, no bees, no leaves on the trees — November!*

Our American Thanksgiving holiday causes our thoughts to turn toward *gratitude* during this month that ushers us into darker evenings and colder days. Most of us can give hearty thanks for warm shelter and clothing, for nourishing food, for the caring of our church family, and for the sustenance of our faith.

We can actually sum up Christian life under the heading of “Thankfulness.” One question in the Heidelberg Catechism, written by Lutherans and Presbyterians in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, asks, “Since we are redeemed from sin by the grace of Jesus Christ, why must we do good works?” The answer is that we do good works – *not* to earn God’s favor – but to show our *gratitude* because we have already received the gift of saving faith. We do good works “so that with our whole life we may show ourselves grateful to God for his goodness. . .”

Our lives are our “thank you notes” to God for all the blessings God has poured out on us. And, if our lives are modeled on the grace and generosity of God, *other people* may also be thankful *because of us*: “Many will thank God for your gifts....You not only meet the needs of God’s people, but your service produces an outpouring of gratitude to God” (from 2 Corinthians 9:11-12). May thankfulness abound in this month of Thanksgiving!

Blessings,  
Meta

## Prayer Concerns

Dennis Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*),  
Rosann Butler, Terry Carman (*Wavelene Arnold's brother-in-law*), Stella Dominic (4830 Hickory Hollow, Middletown OH 45042), Barbara Double (*Ken Double's mother*), David George (*Mary Frances Breit's son-in-law*), Ruth Gould, Alberta Herron (627 Kimberly Ln NE, Atlanta GA 30306), Charity Hodgeson (*Gloria Shafer's granddaughter*), Jack Gregory Huzyak (*Curt and Beverly Mosher's great grandson*), Doris Johnson (*Jay Johnson's grandmother*), Hayden Johnson: [www.caringbridge.org/visit/haydenjohnson](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/haydenjohnson), Amanda Karmazin, Jean Martsof, Char McDevitt, Fred McNeal (*Jim McNeal's brother*), Pat Milligan (*Jim Milligan's mother*), Janie Mowery (*Marilyn Ward's friend*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's mother*), Paul Robinson (*Kim Double's uncle*), Gene Shafer, Roland Smith (*Susan Smith's father*), Brad Stephens, Karlie Stith (*Harvey and Sally Mason's great grand-daughter*), Teresa Turney (*Dolly Millikin's daughter*)

## Special Care Facilities

**Blossom:** Georgiana Costa, 204B  
**Briarwood:** Norman Pim, 601;  
3700 Englewood Dr., Stow OH 44224  
**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  
**Copeland Oaks:** Chet Roof, 6202  
**Courtyard:** Phyllis Lamb, 109; Betty Potter, 202 (*Helen Hayes' mother*); Linda Tonti, 209 (*John Tonti's mother*)  
**Crandall:** Marilyn Clark, 185; Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*); Polly Kendall, 272  
**Essex 3:** Ibbey Dales, 211  
**Grace Woods Village:** Jo Hawkins, 234  
**Sterling House:** Dorothy Gibson  
**Weatherwood Manor:** Dolores Kynett, 201;  
896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601

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## Financial Report

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| Envelope Income received October 2       | \$ 4,860.00   |
| Envelope Income received October 9       | \$ 2,593.00   |
| Envelope Income received October 16      | \$ 3,960.00   |
| Envelope Income received October 23      | \$ 3,587.00   |
| Envelope Income received October 30      | \$ 2,303.00   |
| General Fund Balance, September 30, 2011 | (\$24,599.29) |
| Peacemaking Offering                     | \$ 1,408.00   |
| Per Capita (\$29 / 2011 Goal: \$12,963)  | \$ 2,449.00   |
| 2¢ a Meal for Hunger                     | \$ 27.00      |

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Sally Darling and the family on the death of Sally's brother, Robert Lee Miskimins.

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*Thank You*

Thank you to everyone for all the prayers, cards, visits, and flowers.  
Alice Fitch

## IMPORTANT!

The Self Study Committee will be having a Holy Conversation this Sunday, November 6 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 109.



## Advent Booklet

The deadline for submitting a daily devotion for our Advent Booklet is Friday, November 11 (if possible, please submit via e-mail). It can be a seasonal memory, thought, prayer, story, song, drawing, or anything else that may inspire you. We need a total of 28 submissions to take us from November 27 to December 24. P.S. These do not need to be "Christmas-y"!



## Celebration of Thanksgiving Luncheon

Sunday, November 13  
Fellowship Hall  
following Worship

If you have not filled out a Thanksgiving Sunday Reservation Card, or are unable to join us, please call the Church Office. Thank you!

Next Newsletter:  
November 15

Articles due in  
Church Office by  
Friday, November 11.

## Your Session at Work

On October 20, your Session...

- was reminded of the Soup and Dessert Luncheon scheduled for Sunday, November 6.
- discussed the importance of members attending worship and our Congregational Celebration of Thanksgiving Luncheon on Sunday, November 13.
- approved the Salem Youth Choir Christmas Program in our Sanctuary on Saturday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. with a freewill offering.
- approved a reception for the Haviland Choir following their Christmas program on Sunday, December 11.
- approved the Angel Tree Christmas Project for the Salvation Army for 40 angels.
- heard a report on the Spiritual Strategic Journey Exploratory Experience.

## Announcements

Friday, November 4 at 12:30 p.m.

Church Women United

### World Community Day

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Salem

Speaker — Robin Woodbury from  
Bethel Baptist Church

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Saturday, November 19 at 4 p.m.

### Senior Piano Recital by Patrick McLaughlin

(grandson of Jack and Rita Hovis)  
Dana School of Music — Youngstown

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Sunday, November 20 at 3 p.m.

### Kent State University Gospel Choir

directed by Linda Walker

Reception preceding concert, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

KSU Salem City Center — 230 N Lincoln Ave

RSVP by November 14, 330-337-4246



## Operation Christmas Child

It is the time of year to fill those shoe boxes for a boy or girl, age 2-14, with gifts that will bring joy to a child this Christmas.

The boxes can be filled with small toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and hard candies. Write a personal note and enclose a picture and you might even get a response from the child!

Please drop off the boxes by Sunday, November 20.

Brochures are at all Sanctuary entrances with all the information you need to spread God's love to a child this Christmas!

## Our Church History ...

**From the Messenger, November 2, 1941:**

**Miss Alice R. Gladden, our Salem Librarian,** reminds us that Nov. 2-8 is National Book Week and adds that "the Bible is still the Best Seller."

**From the Messenger, November 11, 1951:**

**Wanted — a sleigh, airplane, horse and buggy,** truck, or scooter, or perhaps a car, and to provide transportation for the delegates to the Thanksgiving week-end in Columbus. The gray Chevrolet, which claims Miss Ellenberger as owner, has transported 7 young people for over 180 miles, but some other means would be most acceptable. Any suggestions or offers would be greatly appreciated.

### Open House at Manse Sunday

This Sunday, Nov. 11, will be open house at the Manse, 1009 E. 6th St. from 2:30 to 5:00. This will be an opportunity for members to stop and meet the minister and his family at their home and to see the new house which the congregation has just bought.

**From the Messenger, November 18, 1951:**

### Teacher Training Class

For those of you who have frequently said, "I would be willing to teach a Sunday School class, but I don't feel that I know how", a class is scheduled to start on Sunday, January 6, during the regular 9:30 hour. Miss Ellenberger will teach the class, using as the text book Paul Vieth's, "How to Teach in the Church School". All who wish to attend these classes during the January-March quarter are asked to contact Miss Ellenberger.

# November

## Happy Birthday!

Dolores Kynett (14), Ibbby Dales (22),  
Minnie Rhea Carter (25)

- 2 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) -  
Europe Program by John Krauss  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 3 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F  
**7:00 Committees:**  
**Christian Education (106)**  
**Mission I and S (FH)**  
**Property and Maintenance (107)**  
**Worship, Music, Arts (109)**  
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
- 5 / Sat **Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour** 
- 6 / Sun  8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In (FH)  
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Study (110)  
9:00 Communion Training Class (107)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - Praise Choir  
Soup and Dessert Luncheon (FH)  
4:30 LOGOS (FH) 
- 7 / Mon 5:00 Personnel Reviews (110)  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**
- 9 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)  
9:15 March Circle (110)  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 10 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH)  
12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (110)  
**7:00 Finance (107)**
- 11 / Fri No Preschool

- 13 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In (FH)  
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Study (110)  
9:00 Communion Training Class (107)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - Cherub Choir  
Rev. Jim Mohr, preaching, followed by  
Celebration of Thanksgiving Luncheon (FH)  
4:30 LOGOS (FH/K) - Making Hard Tack  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- Consecration Sunday** 
- 14 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B0)  
**7:00 Congregational Care (107)**
- 15 / Tues 12:00 November Circle (Annabell's)  
6:00 April Circle (Hickory Rib)
- 16 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 17 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F  
6:00 Communion Training Meal (FH)  
**7:00 Session (107)**
- 20 / Sun  8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In (FH)  
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - Sacrament of Lord's Supper  
4:30 LOGOS (FH/K) - Making Hard Tack  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 21 / Mon Preschool Feast Days (FH/K) - M/Tu  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 23 / Weds No Preschool 
- 24 / Thurs *Happy Thanksgiving!*
- 25 / Fri Church Office closed for Holiday
- 27 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In (FH)  
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
No LOGOS  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

## Salem Community Pantry

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

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Monetary donations should be made out to:

Salem Community Pantry / PO Box 222, Salem OH 44460

## 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.\*