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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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## November 20 Consecration Sunday /



Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Colossians 1:11-14  
Luke 23:33-43  
Sermon: "The Perspective of the Cross;"  
the Rev. Dan Schomer, preaching  
Music: Praise and Haviland Choirs

*Our new "bell tree" will make its debut  
with the help of Andre Tonkinson.*

*The Congregational Care Committee will host a  
Soup and Dessert Luncheon after worship.*

## November 27 — The First Sunday of Advent

*On this First Sunday in the Advent Season, we will once again explore the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," a hymn which has its roots in seven ancient Christian prayers. The seven verses of this hymn teach us seven Biblical names for our coming Savior. This service, known as the "O Antiphons," has become a favorite for many of you.*

*We will also celebrate the Sacrament of the  
Lord's Supper as we enter this holy season.*



Scripture: Proverbs 3:19-22; Ezekiel 34:20, 23-24;  
Isaiah 11:1-3a; Isaiah 22:21-22; Isaiah 60:2-3;  
Luke 1:76-79; Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 7:14  
Liturgist: Mark Smith

Dear Friends,

First of all, a big "THANK YOU" to all who have been supporting our efforts to raise money for a trip to Guatemala in February. Yesterday, our auction raised over \$1300; we've benefitted from your generosity to the "Good Neighbors Offering;" you've ordered Thanksgiving pies and rolls; and we've received a number of direct monetary donations as well. **MANY THANKS!**

We will be continuing to sell baked goods after Thanksgiving for your Christmas celebrations. Watch here and in your worship bulletins for more information. And, if you wish to make a direct contribution to the trip, that would be very much appreciated. Just be sure to note that your gift is marked in some way for "Guatemala Trip."

This next Sunday, we will be thinking about our overall giving to the Church of Jesus Christ. We are grateful to have our good friend and retired General Presbyter Dan Schomer with us once more to lead our Consecration Sunday. Remember, giving and gratitude go hand-in-hand, which is why it's so appropriate to consider our gifts near Thanksgiving Day. The Heidelberg Catechism professes, "With our whole life, we show ourselves grateful to God for all God's goodness." As you estimate your giving for 2017, do consider "all God's goodness" and the abundance of gifts that we've received.

*Blessings, Meta*

## Prayer Concerns

Briarfield Manor, 461 S. Canfield Rd., Austintown - Norman Smith

Others - Denny Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Paul Bailey, Eddie Broome (*Sally Collins' brother-in-law*), Sandy Byers (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Phyllis Denton (*back surgery, 1/1/16*), Helen Dorff (*Lucy Works' friend*), Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Nova Eichler, Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Berneda Fitch, Pat Garick, Dwight Guthrie (*Meta Cramer's cousin*), Richard Hack (*Kathie Baker's nephew*), Charles Hamilton (*Rich and Pat Eichler's nephew*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Jim Hollinger, Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Kristina (*Barbara Yonker's daughter-in-law*), Sue Kyser (*had back surgery*), Hannah Lanza-Roth (*granddaughter of Cheryl and Gary Kekel*), Brenda Lipp, Russell Loudon, Larry Lozier, Anne Lutz (*Jan Jones' friend*), John Martsolf, Sally Mason (*had knee surgery*), Don Palmer (*Rich Eichler's uncle*), Lynne Peterson, Gary Prior (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), John (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Clarence and Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's parents*), Charity Ricciardi (*Carol Ricciardi's daughter-in-law*), Dale Riley (*Stated Clerk of Eastminster Presbytery*), Ally Ripley (*knee surgery*), Marie Robinson (*Kim Double's mother*), Steve Rozeski (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Connie Bowman Rowe (*Helen Hayes' friend*), Terry Rufer (*had knee surgery*), Leroy Sanor (*Beverly Mosher's neighbor*), Gene Shafer, Tom Shafer and Carol Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's husband, mother*), David Stephens, Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's daughter*), Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Ronald White (*had heart surgery*), Anna Williams (*John Barnett's friend's mother*), Lauren Work (*Paul and Fredda Work's daughter-in-law*), Ruth Wright (*Ann Sandrock's friend*), Kristina Yonker (*Barbara Yonker's daughter-in-law*)

## Special Care Facilities

Auburn: MaryLou Timmins  
Birchaven Village: Jean Leimbach, 124;  
 15100 Birchaven Ln, Findlay OH 45840

Envelope Income received November 6	\$ 5,939.50
General Fund Balance, September 30, 2016	\$( 4,808.32)
Good Neighbors Offering	\$ 1,985.00
Louisiana Flooding Relief	\$ 360.00
Per Capita (\$32.15 per Active Member)	\$ 2,057.40

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  
Holly Hill: Ellen Tetlow, 405a; 10190 Fairmount Rd, Newbury Township OH 44065  
Inn at Ironwood: Norman and Jeanne Smith, 106; 6699 Ironwood Blvd, Canfield OH 44406  
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221; Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059  
Lake Vista at 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, 126; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Congratulations to great grandparents Frank and Ellen Maticik and the late Alan Knizat on the birth of Abigail Ann Flesché on November 8. Parents are Brian and Maggie (Knizat) Flesché.



\$7 each or 3 for \$20  
 Order in Fellowship Hall or Church Office.  
 Orders due November 27



Thank you so very much for the "record" of the Church Service on Sunday, October 23rd. Our son, Mark, played his French Horn with the choir and we were thrilled to be there to hear them. We were also happy to see our friends and hear Rev. Dr. Meta preach. Was great to be back as we miss you all.

Sincerely,  
 The Stanga Family

## LOGOS Fundraisers

**Unsweetened Applesauce** - \$4 a jar in Fellowship Hall on Sundays or through Church Office during week.

**Live Evergreen Sale** - Place Orders in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 20 or call Church Office by November 23.  
 20" Wreath (\$26) / 24" Wreath (\$31) / 22" Cross (\$21)  
 Pick up on Sunday, December 4.



## Dr. Calvin Taylor in Concert

Sunday, November 20 at 4:00 p.m.

East Liverpool Community and Learning Center (the former Trinity Presbyterian Church)  
 Admission is Free.  
 A free will offering will be taken.

## Nativity Scene Display

Saturday, November 26

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
 Open to Public / Admission Free.

Call Penny Lippiatt if you have a nativity you want on display.  
 Set up 9 am - 2 pm on Friday, Nov. 25.

## Tinsel and Talents

Sunday, December 4

5-6 p.m. — **Christmas Music:**  
Bell Choirs and Musicians

6-7 p.m. — **Items** on display  
created by our talented children  
and adults; **Refreshments**

**Entry Forms at Sanctuary  
Entrances or call Office.**

## DAYTIMERS

Weds. Dec. 7

12 Noon

Christmas Music by  
Gary & Cheryl Kekel



## Youth News

**Sunday School:** 9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Teachers - Kim Double, Julie Mackall, Cara Stephens

We are working on "New Star", a Christmas pageant that will be presented on Sunday, December 18 during Worship.

**Pres-Bees Youth Club:** 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays  
Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 / Choir, Lesson, Craft, Dinner

November 16 Regular Gathering

November 20 Praise Choir sings during worship

November 23 No Gathering - *Happy Thanksgiving!*

November 30 Regular Gathering

**LOGOS:** LOGOS at 5:00 p.m. / Youth in Grades 6-12  
LOGOS Bell Choir at 4:15 in Room 200.

November 20 Thanksgiving Meal with Parents

November 27 No Gathering - *Happy Thanksgiving!*

December 4 Tinsel and Talents



Sunday, December 11

Choir Recognition: Enhanced Coffee Hour

## Advent Music Service

during 10:30 Worship

Haviland Choir & Guest Musicians  
present "**Fantasia Noel**"

## Recycling Reminders for the Holidays

- When entertaining, try to limit the use of throw away plates and cups. Pull out those pretty plates and glasses that many of us have sitting in our cupboards that are begging to be used!
- Lightly soiled paper plates can be recycled as well as plastic cups if they have a recycle number on them.
- Please, please, please, don't use Styrofoam! Pass the word on to your families and friends about the health hazards and environmental concerns.
- Foil pans and lightly soiled foil can be recycled just rinse them off before recycling.
- When wrapping your gifts, use paper wrapping paper that can be recycled. Avoid using foil type papers. These cannot be recycled.
- Gift bags can be used many times! Please save these from going into the trash. The tissue paper that is used in these bags can be recycled or better yet reused.
- I recently saw large sized reusable shopping bags at TJ Max with Christmas designs on them for only 99 cents. These would be great used as gift bags.
- Gift boxes can be reused or recycled.
- Remember packing peanuts and other packing materials can be taken to UPS stores to be used again.
- If you still use a live tree for your Christmas tree, remember to recycle it.
- When doing your grocery shopping, please remember to put your reusable grocery bags in the car and THEN take them into the store.
- Pass your Christmas cards on to a teacher after the holiday.
- Remember to take all the plastic bags from your Christmas shopping, dry cleaning, etc., to Giant Eagle for recycling.

## Cut Out Party"

This year at Pres-Bees, we are using a new curriculum that uses the old teaching method of telling Bible stories with flannel board. Our flannel board kit includes almost 600 flannel figures and objects to be used in telling almost 200 Bible stories. I thought that it would be no problem to cut out the necessary items each week, but I am finding that to be very time-consuming. The items to be cut out are found on numerous sheets of flannel and the images for each story are not grouped together. This means that not only must I cut out each figure, but that first I have to locate it, which is much harder than it sounds! The curriculum DOES include a storage system which makes the numbered items easy to find after they've been cut out. I could definitely use some help in cutting out these items, so that they could be stored and easily located from then on. If anyone would like to have a "cut out party," or, if some of you would be willing to take a sheet or two of flannel home and cut out the items printed on it, that would be a *tremendous* help. Otherwise this is going to take me several hours each week that could be better spent on more urgent needs. The kids really seem to love having the stories told with flannel board, so I don't want to abandon this teaching method. If you'd like to contribute to the Christian Education of our children, but aren't sure what you can do, this might be a great project for you! Please call the Church Office if you can help. Thanks in advance!



~ Meta

# November

## Birthdays

Ruth Varkonda (15)

16 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Bible (110)

17 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)**

20 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:15-10:00 Sunday School  
9:15 Five Guys Bell Rehearsal (200)  
**9:15 Presbyterian Women (107)**  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - Praise Choir  
**Soup and Dessert Luncheon (FH)**  
*Confirmation Class will meet over Soup/Dessert*  
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)  
5:00 LOGOS Meal with Parents (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



21 / Mon Preschool Feast (FH) - M/Tu  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

23 / Weds 2:00-5:00 Pick up Ordered Holiday Pies/Rolls  
*Guatemala Mission Trip Fundraiser*

26 / Thurs *Happy Thanksgiving!*



25 / Fri Church Office Closed  
9:00-2:00 Nativity Scene Set Up (FH)

26 / Sat 10:00-2:00 Nativity Scene Display (FH)

27 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:15-10:00 Sunday School  
9:15 Five Guys Bell Rehearsal (200)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Lord's Day Worship -  
*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*



28 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

30 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Bible (110)



## 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.

## Birthdays

Jean Johnson (2), Janice Olmstead (4), Joyce Smith (10), Elizabeth Thatcher (13), Jim Gibbs (13), Rita Hovis (13), Marge Wright (15), Charles Gibbs (27), Juanita Latham (29)

# December

1 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night: CE (106), Mission I and S (FH), Property (107)**

9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:15-10:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - Carillon Ringers  
5:00 Tinsel and Talents (S/FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



## Worship, Music, Arts (109)

7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)

4 / Sun



5 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**

6 / Tues 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:15-10:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Enhanced Coffee Hour (FH) -  
*Choir Recognition*  
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - Advent Music:  
*Haviland Choir and Guest Musicians*  
Candy and Bake Sale (FH) - Women's Assoc.  
5:00 LOGOS (FH) - Oven Mitt Present Pass  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



**BAKE SALE**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting at  
Champion Presbyterian Church, Warren

7 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) -

## 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.