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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)

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November 23 — Christ the King Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 148

Romans 8:18-25

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: "The King of Creation"
Special Presentation by
Sunday School Students

Liturgist: Cole Chumney

Music: Praise Choir

Haviland Choir —

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"



November 30 — The First Sunday in 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, 22:21-22, 60:2-3; Luke 1:76-79, Isaiah 9:6-7, 7:14
Liturgist: Mark Smith

Dear Friends,

In a recent "Time for Children," I asked "What month is this?" and one child answered "Thanksgiving!" Actually, that's a very profound answer. We began the month by giving thanks for the communion of saints — the community of faith made up both of those who surround us here on earth and those who have already entered the Church Triumphant. We have continued to give thanks week-by-week, culminating on Consecration Sunday. Many thanks to our guest preacher, the Rev. Mark Wilds, and to the Congregational Care Committee for another delicious Soup and Dessert Lunch. (Donations made at the lunch were earmarked for The ROC of Salem and allowed us to be sponsors of their 3-on-3 basketball tournament scheduled for November 22.)

Before we arrive at our national Thanksgiving Day, we first give thanks that Jesus Christ is Lord. Although "Christ the King Sunday" is a relatively minor holy day, we remember that Jesus is Lord of our lives and, in fact, of all creation.

The Season of Advent begins on November 30 with the "O Antiphons" service. The Carillon Ringers will be ringing for us on December 7; then, on December 14, the Haviland Choir will present "The Mystery and the Majesty," a cantata by Joseph M. Martin. This wonderful music will be followed by a reception for our musicians inclusive of our annual basket auction. If you are part of any group within the congregation, or if you'd like to put a basket together on your own or with some friends, please inform the Church Office of your theme. The children of the Church will be leading our worship on December 21.

We have much to be thankful for!

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Darla Allen (Kevin Chumney's sister), Marianne Barr (Debbie Blair's mother), Abi and Dan Cotter's granddaughters, Audrey Crawford (Linda Crawford's sister in law), Matthew Drake (Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson), Lori Dunn (Penny Lippiatt's friend), Erma Eaton, Pat Eichler (broken ankle), Alex Evans (Lucy Works' friend), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law), Berneda Fitch, Dave Garlock (Phyllis' husband), Debbie Goulish (Meta Cramer's friend), Sandi Hendricks, Tom Henry (Susan Merry's brother in law), Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Gary Kekel, Sue Kyser, Jean Leimbach (15100 Birchaven Ln Apt 129, Findlay OH 45840-7766), Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (Phil Tetlow's cousins), Jocelyn Mader, Ellen Maticik, Ben Miller (Lauren Arnold's friend), Dolly Millikin, John Peterson (Dawn Vest Peterson's husband), Sam Pridon, Tracy Rees (Penny Judge's daughter), Bob Roberts, Jr., Scot and Rory Robertson, Marie Robinson (Kim Double's mother), Dr. Marilyn Roderick (Juanita Latham's daughter), Devin Shafer (Charles and Lisa Shafer's daughter), Gene Shafer, Gloria Shafer's step-dad, Lorin Shepard, Sue Sinclair, Julie Smith (Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law), Jana Stitle (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
Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Mary Smith (Susan Smith's mother)
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109
Crandall: Sally Darling; Betsy Johnson, 251 (Tom Johnson's wife)
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 Kynnett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601
Whispering Pines: Rolin Herron, 146; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Envelope Income received November 2	\$ 5,230.00
Envelope Income received November 9	\$ 5,472.00
Envelope Income received November 16	\$ 3,270.00
General Fund Balance, September 30, 2014	(\$18,909.70)
October Revenues	\$16,995.27
October Transfers in	\$ 1,883.33
October Expenses	\$24,933.38
General Fund Balance, October 31, 2014	(\$24,964.48)
Peace and Global Witness Offering	\$ 1,581.00
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$ 10.00
Refugee Emergencies	\$ 100.00
Per Capita (\$32/2014 Goal: \$11,104)	\$ 2,848.00

Military

FENNEMA, JOHN T. SGT
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 Paul and Barb Fennema's son

HARP, ALEX LCPL
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 John and Joetta Tonti's grandson

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In Memoriam
 Margaret Elizabeth Stewart

United with First Church
 March 30, 1934

Died — November 9, 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

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to the family of Margaret Stewart.

Christmas Poinsettias

\$7 each or 3 for \$20

Order in Fellowship Hall or Office.

* No Color Selection *

Order by December 5.

Important Note: Please provide the Church Office with the names and addresses of our students, both undergraduate and graduate. The Congregational Care wishes to remember them during the holiday season.

Salvation Army Christmas Angel Program

We are sponsoring 40 children for the Christmas Angel program in which children's genders, ages, needs, and Christmas wish lists are on tags in Fellowship Hall. Please buy one outfit and one toy from the child's tag and return it to the Church Office or Fellowship Hall stage. Gifts should not be wrapped, but instead placed in a garbage bag or large shopping bag with the tag affixed to the outside. Do Not Include Gift Receipts. All gifts must be returned to the church by Thursday, December 11.



JOIN US FOR SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY!

An Outing hosted by the Congregational Care Committee

- Meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 29 to receive exclusive coupons from local merchants.
- Shop on your own or in groups from 10:30-12:30.
- Meet at Ezio's at 12:30 for a "Show and Tell" Luncheon to show off your purchases!
- RSVP to the Church Office by Wednesday, November 26.

Church Women United

Monday, November 24
 First Church at 12:30 p.m. in Library
 Rev. Meta Cramer, Speaker

“Soup to Go”

Soup is made the 4th Saturday of the month and sold for \$5 a quart from 11:30-12:30 the next day following worship. Our soup for November 23rd will be *Chili* with Paul Fennema as leader. There will be no soup made in December. 2015 Soup Dates are January 25 (Vegetable), February 22 (Turkey), and March 22 (Corn Chowder). Please return your “Soup to Go” glass jars and lids to the church kitchen so they can be used again. There is a box on the counter marked “Soup to Go”.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

The Haviland Choir and Guest Musicians
will present during Worship —

“The Mystery and the Majesty”

A Cantata by Joseph M. Martin
Reception follows in Fellowship Hall
and

The Presbyterian Women’s Association

Basket Auction

following Worship in Fellowship Hall

Tickets will be sold.

Proceeds for Local Christmas Mission

Baskets on display Sunday, December 7

Any group, committee, or individual wishing to create a themed basket should call the Church Office.

RECYCLING NEWS

Many people still don’t see the need to recycle or don’t want to be bothered. The following information taken from “Recycle Across America” will hopefully explain why it is so important to all of us.

- Currently less than 35% of households and less than 10% of businesses in the U.S. recycle. (EPA 2011)
- Those levels have barely improved in 15 years despite billions of dollars spent on competitions, symposiums, awareness campaigns and sorting technologies.
- If the US recycling levels can reach 75% it will be the environmental benefit of removing 50 million cars from the road each year and it will generate 1.5 million new jobs. Improving and increasing recycling is one of the greatest opportunities for our environment, our natural resources, and our economy!

Please, please, if you don’t currently recycle, start recycling. If you do, please be sure you are recycling everything possible. It is so easy here in Salem. Our new recycling interest group at Salem Presbyterian will be sharing information on recycling in the coming days. There will be information for you to use at home and a plan for us to do more recycling here at church. **PLEASE RECYCLE!**

Youth News

Sunday School:

9:15 a.m. — Gathering Time / 9:30-10:15 a.m. — Classes
Teachers: Kim Double, Julie Mackall, Cara Stephens

Together Time during Advent: Christmas Timeline

Pres-Bees Youth Club:

Youth age 4 through Grade 5 / Wednesdays, 5:00-6:45 p.m.

November 19 Regular Gathering (*Pizza and Salad*)
November 23 Praise Choir sings during Worship
November 26 No Gathering — *Happy Thanksgiving!*
December 3 Regular Gathering

LOGOS:

Youth in Grades 6-12 on Sundays, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

November 23 Chex Mix and Cookie Bake
November 30 No Gathering — *Happy Thanksgiving!*
December 6 Olde English Feaste
December 14 Bake Sale — monetary donations for supplies are needed. Contact Kim Double at 234-567-1752
Christmas Party

People who placed orders for Live Evergreens can pick them up on Sunday, November 30 in Fellowship Hall.



ROSS AND THE LUTHERANS

Some of you have noticed my name on the outdoor sign at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on State Street. Their former pastor, Connie Sassanella, took a new position as pastor of an inner-city congregation in Saginaw, MI. I was approached by the Council (comparable to our Session) at Holy Trinity about being their part-time, Interim Pastor. Since our two denominations now share an extensive agreement about cooperation and mutual support, I am able to do this. Holy Trinity’s Council and congregation are proceeding along their denomination path that will lead to them having another Lutheran pastor for their church. In the meantime, I am leading their Sunday worship services, teaching one class, and am available two half-days a week to assist that congregation. I will also respond to any emergencies that may arise. I am enjoying this local ecumenical opportunity, and have been warmly welcomed by the Council and the members of the Holy Trinity congregation. Please pray for them as they journey on the pathway that will lead to their next called, installed pastor.

Peace and blessings to you all,

Ross Jackson

November

Happy Birthday!

Ibby Dales (22), Minnie Rhea Carter (25)

- 19 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
7:15 Haviland Choir (S)
- 20 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107)**
- 22 / Sat 9:00 Making Soup for "Soup to Go" (K)
- 23 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Meaning of Christian Marriage (107)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Praise Choir*
11:30-12:30 "Soup to Go" - *Chili*
11:40 Personnel Committee (107)
4:30 LOGOS (FH) - *Chex Mix/Cookie Baking*
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 24 / Mon Preschool Thanksgiving Feast (K/FH)
12:30 Church Women United (107/109)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 25 / Tues Preschool Thanksgiving Feast (K/FH)
- 27 / Thurs *Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!*
- 28 / Fri Church Office Closed
- 29 / Sat Small Business Day! (see p.2 for more info)
Meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 for coupons
Meet at Ezio's at 12:30
RSVP Church Office by November 26
- 30 / 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)



A 30-member strong community choir will provide a concert of selections from George Frederic Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, November 30 at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 110 Maine Boulevard, East Liverpool. All are welcome!



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.

December

Happy Birthday!

Janice Olmstead (4), Joyce Smith (10), Jim Gibbs (13),
Rita Hovis (13), Phyllis Lamb (25),
Charles Gibbs (27), Juanita Latham (29)

- 1 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 2 / Tues **7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**
- 3 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
7:15 Haviland Choir (S)
- 4 / Thurs 7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
**7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),
Mission I&S (FH), Property (107),
Worship (109)**
- 6 / Sat LOGOS to Olde English Feaste in Warren
- 7 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School Together Time:
Christmas Timeline
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Carillon Ringers*
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 8 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 9 / Tues 12:00 November Circle (Salem Golf Club)
Call K. Baker or M. Loudon for reservations
- 10 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 11 / Thurs 12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (110)
5:45 April Circle
7:00 Finance Committee (107)
- 12 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)

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