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The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

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Sunday, November 7 — The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Come
let us
Worship*

9:00 *Morning Prayer in the Chapel / Theme: Saying "Thank You"*
Scripture: Psalm 65, Philippians 4:4-14
10:30 *Worship in the Sanctuary / Sermon: "What? Me Worry?"*
Scripture: Haggai 2:1-9; Psalm 65:4-13; Luke 12:22-34
Liturgist: Carol Ricciardi / Acolyte: Jacob Weingart
Music: Cherub and Haviland Choirs



Fall Soup &
Dessert Lunch
following
Worship

Sunday, November 14 — Sunday of Thanksgiving



Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner after Worship
10:30 *Worship in the Sanctuary*
Sermon: "Thank You, God!" - The Rev. Ray Banner, preaching
Scripture: Psalm 100, Luke 19:28-34
Music: Carillon Ringers, Haviland Choir / Acolyte: Kirill Tonkinson



Thanksgiving
Dinner
following
Worship

Dear Friends, The "holiday" season is officially upon us. Halloween has come and gone; the month of November has arrived. By the time November 25 rolls around, many of us will have begun to focus on *December 25*. And that means, I think, that it's not too early to start *Giving Thanks*.

Dr. Donald Gowan remembers that, as a seminary student, he was challenged to preach a Thanksgiving message from Habakkuk 3:17-18: *Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will exult in the God of my salvation.*

Don Gowan tells us that he didn't know what to do with that suggestion. He asked himself, "Would it seem a mockery to people in distress to be told that they ought to rejoice?" As he was pondering this, he received word that his future wife had been critically injured in a head-on collision. After hearing that news, he says, "The book of Habakkuk meant something different to me."

Many of us are anxious and worried about a variety of things. Some of us are truly "in distress." I share Dr. Gowan's concern that it might seem a "mockery" to proclaim that we should all be rejoicing in the LORD. And yet, I would guess that it is precisely those faithful people who find themselves in difficult situations who would be the first to tell all of us to count our blessings. It is often in distressing circumstances that we learn again that the LORD is faithful and loving beyond anything we can imagine or hope for.

On another note, a Confirmation Class will be getting underway for young men and women who are at least freshmen in High School. I'm planning to hold an organizational meeting for potential confirmands (and their parents, if possible) on *Sunday, November 14 at 9 a.m. in the Library*. Please inform the Church Office if you are interested but unable to be present then.

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Warren and Barbara Bettis, Terry Carman (*Wavelene Arnold's brother-in-law*), Sally Collins, Everett Dennison, Bob Domencetti and Family (*Friend of John Krauss and Choir*), Barbara Double (surgery 11/4), Joe Gibson (*Barb Gibson's son, Nancy Fawcett's nephew*), Hayden Johnson: www.caringbridge.org/visit/haydenjohnson, Tink Layden, Polly Kendall, Al Kenreigh (surgery 11/3), Char McDevitt, Fred McNeal (*Jim McNeal's brother*), Janie Mowery (*Marilyn Ward's friend*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Bryan and Jennifer Milheim Ramsey and Family (*Overseas Ministry*), Brenda Romack (*Friend of John Krauss and Choir*), Steve Reiter, Chet Roof, (*Copeland Oaks, Room 6202*), Dave Scarpitti (*Bob and Deb McCulloch's friend*), Bill Schuller (*John Krauss' friend*), Karlie Stith (*Harvey and Sally Mason's great granddaughter*), Ellen Tetlow (c/o Jon Tetlow, 6874 Berry Blossom Dr, Canfield OH 44406), Ann Theil (c/o Hollis Tataseo, 1576 West Main St, East Palestine OH 44413)

Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Verna Stevens, 306
Briarwood: Norman Pim, 601 (3700 Englewood Dr., Stow OH 44224)
Clare Bridge of Austintown: Bill Butler (*Pat Butler's husband*); 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd, Austintown OH 44515
Courtyard: Georgiana Costa, 107; Phyllis Lamb, 109; Betty Potter, 202 (*Helen Hayes' mother*); Linda Tonti, 209 (*John Tonti's mother*)
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*)
Essex 3: Ibbey Dales, 211
Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234
Southern Manor: Elvira Bass (*Mary Frances Breit's sister*); Lebanon TN
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201 (896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601)

Armed Forces

† **SGT Double C** (*Barbara Double's grandson*) 1st MAR DIV, 3rd Amphibious Assault BN, H & S CO, MCM PLT
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Financial Report



Envelope Income received October 3	\$ 5,535.00
Envelope Income received October 10	\$ 3,654.50
Envelope Income received October 17	\$ 4,392.00
Envelope Income received October 24	\$ 3,121.00
Envelope Income received October 31	\$ 3,313.00
Peacemaking Offering	\$ 1,374.00
Per Capita (\$28 / Goal: \$13,328)	\$ 3,833.00

† **LCPL Gibbs, Jeremy B.** (*Charles and Margaret Gibbs' grandson*)
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 MCT SOI, Camp Pendleton CA 92055

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Rich and Pat Eichler and the family on the death of Rich's cousin's son, Braydon Eichler.

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Congratulations to Kyle Kyser and Jessica Mercer who were married in the Sanctuary on October 23 by Rev. Meta Cramer.



Congratulations to grandparents Dan and Sandi Hendricks and great grandmother Jo Hendricks on the birth of Nash Redding Cartwright on October 22. Parents are Regan and Adam Cartwright of Rochester, MN.

Congratulations to grandparents Bud and Judy Herron and great grandmother Lois Herron on the birth of Nicholas Woodrow Herron on October 25. Parents are Jeff and Stephanie Herron of Columbus, OH.



Sundays,
 November 7, 14, 21, 28
 in Fellowship Hall
 \$7.00 each

Remember those who are less fortunate



Operation Christmas Child

This non-denominational program helps Christian children, ages 2-14, in distressed areas around the world. Brochures listing gift suggestions are at all Sanctuary entrances. Please have your items for the shoeboxes at the church by Sunday, November 21.

Bulletin Donors are needed for November 7, 21, 28, December 19, and 26. Cost is \$15.00 a Sunday.

Next Newsletter:
 November 16

Articles are due in the Church Office by Friday, November 12.

Presbyterian Women

**There will be a meeting of the
Presbyterian Women's Association
this Sunday, November 7 at 9:15 a.m.
in the Church Library (Room 107).**

February Circle — Wednesday, November 10
9:00 a.m. at the Hot Dog Shoppe

March Circle — Wednesday, November 10
9:15 a.m. at the Church in Room 110

April Circle — Wednesday, November 17
6:00 p.m. at Ezio's Restaurant

October Circle — Wednesday, November 10
12:00 p.m. at Salem Golf Club

November Circle — Monday, November 15
1:00 p.m. at Ezio's Restaurant

**** Christmas Basket Raffle ****
Sunday, December 12

* Christmas Sign Ups *

Food, Clothing, and Toys
For Children age 0-8th Grade

Serving zip codes 44408, 44431, 44490, 44460

Repeat Recipients may apply on the following dates:

Wednesday, Nov. 3: 9:30 a.m. — Noon & 1-3 p.m.
5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 5: 9:30 a.m. — Noon & 1-3 p.m.
5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Must present 2 Forms of ID, Proof of Income and Residency, Social Security Card for everyone in household.

Located at The Salvation Army,
1249 North Ellsworth Ave., Salem OH 44460

Salem Community Pantry

Monday & Friday, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Monetary donations should be made out to:
Salem Community Pantry / PO Box 222, Salem OH 44460

Your Session at Work

On October 21, your Session...

- ✚ Welcomed visitors from Eastminster Presbytery's Mission Visioning Council. The Council is visiting the Sessions of every church in the Presbytery. One visitor wrote to Meta: "I really enjoyed my time with you all — you have a tremendous team of Elders you are working with...their passion and commitment were very evident."
- ✚ Approved the inclusion of announcements on our television broadcast to the community.
- ✚ Extended an invitation to Eastminster Presbytery to meet at our Church on May 10, 2011.
- ✚ Was reminded of the Soup and Dessert Luncheon scheduled for November 7.
- ✚ Discussed the importance of every member attending worship and our Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 14.



Do you have a favorite hymn that reminds you of Sunday School? Please write it on the Sign Up Sheet in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Eastminster Presbytery is seeking to fill the position of Financial Secretary/ Clerical Assistant. The position is a part time non-exempt member of the Presbytery Office Staff providing bookkeeping expertise and a working knowledge of the computerized financial system; and, as time permits, providing secretarial skills, including but not limited to, the use of word processing and operation of the office equipment for the fulfillment of Presbytery office duties and functions. This staff position requires 16 hours per week (four hours per day Monday-Thursday). Send resume to D. Schomer, Box 316, Mineral Ridge, OH 44440.



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.*

November

Happy Birthday!

Dolores Kynett (14), Ibbey Dales (22),
Minnie Rhea Carter (25), Barbara Bettis (27)

- 3 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH)
Program: *Tobin Chaplaincy Ministry*
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 4 / Thurs 9:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) Th/F
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
7:00 Committee Night:
Christian Education (106)
Mission I and S (FH)
Property and Maintenance (107)
Worship, Music, and the Arts (100)
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- 6 / Sat **Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour**
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- 7 / Sun 9:00 Morning Prayer (Chapel)
9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Carillon Ringers (S)
9:15 Presbyterian Women's Association (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) — *Cherub Choir*
Fall Soup and Dessert Lunch (FH)
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
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- 8 / Mon **11:00 Finance Committee (107)**
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107) —
(Bring Christmas Basket Raffle Items)
- 9 / Tues 5:00 Eastminster Presbytery Meeting at
United Presbyterian Church, Cuyahoga
Falls (Delegate — Phil Tetlow)
- 10 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Hot Dog Shoppe)
9:15 March Circle (110)
12:00 October Circle (Salem Golf Club)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 11 / Thurs 9:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) Th/F
- 12 / Fri 12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (110)

- 14 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Carillon Ringers (S)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) — *Carillon Ringers*
Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner (FH)
4:30 LOGOS — making Hard Tack
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
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- 15 / Mon 1:00 November Circle (Ezio's Restaurant)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 17 / Weds 9:00-3:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:00 April Circle (Ezio's Restaurant)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 18 / Thurs 9:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) Th/F
7:00 Session Meeting (107)
- 21 / Sun 9:00 Morning Prayer (Chapel)
9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship — *Communion; Praise Choir*
4:30 LOGOS — making Hard Tack
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
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- 22 / Mon 9:00-3:00 Preschool Feast Day (FH/K)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 23 / Tues 9:00-3:00 Preschool Feast Day (FH/K)
- 24 / Weds No Preschool
No Pres-Bees Youth Club
No Haviland Choir
No Men's Bible Study
- 25 / Thurs *Happy Thanksgiving!*
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- 26 / Fri Church Office closed for Holiday
- 27 / Sat 10:00-1:00 Baby Shower (FH)
(Jessica Lodge Schutte)
- 28 / Sun 9:00 Advent Workshop (FH) —
The Twelve Days of Christmas
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
No LOGOS
No Cub Scouts
- 29 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)