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Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

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Sunday, December 2 — 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.

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



Sunday, December 9 — Second Sunday of Advent

Today our children and youth will present their annual Advent offering to us. Included will be a number by a youth bell choir directed by Cheryl McDevitt, selections by the Cherub and Praise Choirs, and a number of instrumental solos by our children and youth.



Don't forget that the Haviland Choir Advent Program, featuring the music of John Rutter, will take place on Sunday, December 16 during 10:30 worship. Bring your friends, stay for the reception for the choir and musicians, and enjoy the basket auction sponsored by Presbyterian Women to support local mission projects!

Dear Friends,

We had a wonderful season of thankfulness during November – giving thanks for all the saints who have touched our lives, recognizing our veterans, enjoying Consecration Sunday, and acknowledging Jesus Christ as the Lord of our lives. And although there are a few days left in November, the season of Advent will be upon us very soon.

Advent is intended to be a time of waiting – waiting for Jesus' return, and waiting until Christmas to celebrate his birth. Some people take the *waiting* very seriously. I know people who grew up in homes where the Christmas tree didn't appear until Christmas morning – leaving lots of sleep-deprived parents! I also know that liturgical purism tells us not to have our poinsettias and other greenery appear in church until Christmas Eve. In reality, of course, preparing for a celebration requires a lot of work, and most of us don't choose to do it all on December 24. And so we spend much of Advent buying and wrapping gifts, preparing food, decorating our homes, and performing the myriad of tasks which any celebration demands.

And, along the way, we begin to celebrate a little early. We will enjoy the music of Christmas during worship on December 9 and December 16, as our younger members and the Haviland Choir present their offerings to us. Some of us will be going to other Christmas concerts or parties. I think we can compare these early celebrations to baby showers; we don't wait for the actual birth date to start expressing our happiness at anticipated new arrivals.

Steve and I plan to host our own celebration of the season on Sunday, December 9, from 4-7 p.m. We invite you to stop by our home to enjoy a break from the busy-ness of the season with your Presbyterian family. (Children are welcome, by the way.)

May you find this Advent season to be a time of joy, peace, and love.

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Pittsburgh Children's — Morgan Fennema
(Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter)

Others — Wavelene Arnold, Chris Brown
(UMC Choir Director, needs kidney transplant),
Ryan Christian (Nancy Fawcett's friend),
Steven Courtwright (Dolly Millikin's nephew),
Dan and Audrey Crawford (Linda Crawford's
brother & sister in law), Stella Dominic, Alex
Evans (Lucy Works' friend), Ruth Garvey
(Angela Milligan's mother), Yvonne Goll
(Missionary in LA, "Saving Innocence"), Dustin
Gorby (Mickey Buck's friend), Ruth Gould,
Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Bill
and Theresa Jones, Kypp Lindsay (Phil
Tetlow's cousin), Char McDevitt, Bill Phillips
(Joyce Smith's son-in-law), Sam Pridon,
Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Connie
Bowman Rowe (Helen Hayes' friend), Gene
Shafer, Brian Smith (Dan Smith's grandson),
Roland and Mary Smith (Susan Smith's
parents), Ann Theil, Scott Theil (Ann Theil's
son), Lucy Works, Lynn Zocolo (had knee
surgery)

Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Ellie
Parker, 413B (PLEASE, NO VISITORS)

Clare Bridge of Austintown: Bill Butler (Pat
Butler's husband); 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd,
Austintown OH 44515

Community Care Center: Rosann Butler,
131; PO Box 2720, Alliance OH 44601

Copeland Oaks: Chet Roof, 6-202

Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109; Linda Tonti,
209 (John Tonti's mother)

Crandall: Marilyn Clark, 185; Betsy Johnson,
251 (Tom Johnson's wife)

Essex 3: Ibbey Dales, 211

Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234

Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith;
5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059

Pleasant View North: Helen Hum

Sterling House: Dorothy Gibson, 303

Vista Center, Lisbon: Virginia Calabrese
(Dawn Billham's grandmother)

Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201;
896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA
15601

Whispering Pines Village: Rolin Herron,
317; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH
44408

Military

SGT Fennema, John T.

fennema33@yahoo.com

Paul and Barb Fennema's son

Envelope Income received November 4	\$ 6,165.00
Envelope Income received November 11	\$ 6,130.00
Envelope Income received November 18	\$ 3,855.00
General Fund Balance, October 31, 2012	(-\$3,518.89)
Peacemaking Offering	\$ 1,360.00
Per Capita (\$30 / 2012 Goal: \$12,090)	\$ 2,663.00

Gorley, Matthew

PSC 831 Box 0022

FPO AE 09363

Scott and Debbie Boyd's nephew

1LT Halverstadt, Jon

Dave and Becky Halverstadt's son

LCPL Harp, Alex

539 Richlands Rd

Trenton NC 28585

John and Joetta Tonti's grandson

SPC Hill, Zachary

A CO 1-17 IN 2-2 SBCT

ATTN: 1st PLT

FOB Azzilluah APO AE 09370

Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil

Gloria Shafer's son

SSGT Stith, Ryan

Kilo Company / MCT SOI

Camp Pendleton CA 92055

Harvey and Sally Mason's grandson

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In Memoriam

John Williams "Bill" Benson

Joined First Church

March 17, 1940

Died

November 19, 2012

"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 Shirley Benson and the family on
the death of her husband, Bill Ben-
son; to Char McDevitt and the fam-
ily on the death of her sister-in-law,
Arlene Pugh; and to Rev. Dan
Schomer and the family on the death
of his mother, Ora Schomer.



\$7 per plant / Order in Fellowship
Hall on Sunday, or call Church
Office. **Orders due December 2.**
* No Color Selection *

We have 17 tags left for
the Salvation Army
Christmas Angel pro-
gram! Stop in the Church

Office or pick one up this Sunday.
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. All gifts must
be returned to the church no later than
Thursday, December 13.



Congratulations to Jody and Luke
Grubb on the birth of Landon Chris-
topher on November 15. Grandpar-
ents are Kevin and Janet Chumney,
and great grandparents are Ralph
and MaryLou Timmins.

Thank You

Boy Scout Troop 3 would like to say
thank you to the congregation for
supporting the popcorn sale.

Presbyterian Women's Association

Basket Auction

Sunday, December 16

Proceeds Dedicated for Local Christmas Mission

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.

Any group wishing to create a themed basket should call the Church Office.

Baskets will be on display on Sunday, December 9 before and after Worship. Baskets to date...

Baking — Christian Education Committee
Bathroom — February Circle
Cats — November Circle
Christmas — May Circle
Countries — Mission I and S Committee
Dogs — November Circle
Entertainment — Board of Deacons
Kitchen — March Circle
Money Tree — Congregational Care Committee
Pamper Yourself — Cara Stephens
Ohio State University — Session
Specialty Chocolate — September Circle
Theater — Geoff and Kim Goll

Our Church History ...

From the Messenger, November 30, 1972

The purple paraments will be in use Sunday, signaling the change of the church season. The cross and crown on the pulpit symbolize Christ's royalty through crucifixion and the triquetra on the lectern symbolizes the trinity of the Godhead. The minister's stole has the cross with a crown of thorns on one end, symbolizing the agony and humiliation of the cross, and the two candles with the cross on the other end symbolize the two natures united in Jesus Christ — both the human and the divine. The purple paraments are used for two preparation seasons in the church year, Advent and Lent, and remind us of royalty, sacrifice, completeness, and divinity. The Advent wreath with its first candle reminds us again of everlasting life, the light of the world, the sacrifice of blood in Jesus Christ our Lord. Advent means "the coming" and we look forward to this time of preparation for our hearts to make even more room for Jesus Christ. He would like to meet all of you at his table in the celebration of the Sacrament of the services this Sunday!

From the Messenger, November 8, 1962

Mental Health Clinic — A county-wide drive for funds to establish a mental health clinic in our county is underway. The goal is \$20,000, which then would be matched by the State of Ohio with \$40,000 additional.

DAYTIMERS

Wednesday, December 5

12 Noon — Fellowship Hall

Bring a Covered Dish to Share



Program — Women's Trio

Jayne Bricker, Cheryl McDevitt, Ruth Newman

Barbara Fennema, Piano

Your Session at Work

Your Session, meeting on November 15, 2012....

- heard that Personnel Reviews will be held on November 26
- received a report from Elder Commissioner Mark Flake on the November 13 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery
- heard that the LOGOS Youth are planning to visit Schoenbrunn Village on December 9 and to host a Christmas Party on December 16
- was reminded that there will be a Choir Appreciation Reception in conjunction with the Presbyterian Women's Basket Auction after worship on December 16
- approved participation in the Salvation Army Angel Tree project
- heard that the annual requirement for review of our Property and Liability Insurance has been met
- approved requesting a letter of transfer for Rebecca Hively
- decided to recommend several changes in the church by-laws to the congregation for approval
- scheduled the congregational meeting for election of officers and for consideration of by-law changes for December 30, and the Annual Congregational/ Corporation meeting for the receiving of reports for January 20

Hurricane Sandy Relief

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has already sent One Great Hour of Sharing funds and members of the National Response Team to help mid councils in affected U.S. areas in their response efforts. **Locally, the Salvation Army is collecting donations of money, clothes, food, and blankets (all to be in good condition). Please take to the Salvation Army.**


November

- 28 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 29 / Thurs 9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH) - Th/F

December


Happy Birthday!


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


- 2 / Sun Advent 1
 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Adult Sunday School (107)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Sacrament of Communion*
LOGOS - *Making Hard Tack*
5:30-6:15 Youth Bell Practice (S)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

- 3 / Mon 6:00 September Circle (FH) - *making basket*
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)


- 4 / Tues **7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**

- 5 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - *Bring Covered Dish*
Women's Trio (*Jayne Bricker, Cheryl McDevitt, Ruth Newman; Barbara Fennema, Piano*)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)


- 6 / Thurs 9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
7:00 Committees: Christian Ed (106), Mission I and S (FH), Property (107), Worship (109)

Committees

- 9 / Sun Advent 2
 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Adult Sunday School (107)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Children's Music Program*
LOGOS: Schoenbrunn Village after Church
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

- 10 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 11 / Tues 6:00 April Circle (Ricky's English Pub)
- 12 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)
9:45 March Circle (110)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 13 / Thurs 9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
7:00 Finance and Administration (107)


- 16 / Sun Advent 3
 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Adult Sunday School (107)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Haviland Choir Program*
Choir Appreciation Reception following Worship
LOGOS Christmas Party
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

- 17 / Mon 9:00-2:00 Preschool Christmas Parties (FH, 107) - M/Tu
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

- 19 / Weds 5:00-6:00 Pres-Bees Baby Jesus Birthday Meal (FH)

- 20 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107)**

- 23 / Sun Advent 4 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Adult Sunday School (107)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)

- 24 / Mon Church Office closes at Noon
7:30 and 11:00
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services


- 25 / Tues **MERRY CHRISTMAS**


- 30 / Sun No Sunday School
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)

- 31 / Mon Church Office closes at Noon

Salem Community Pantry

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

Urgent Needs — stuffing, canned soup, small jars of peanut butter, and personal hygiene items. Place items in box on stage. Thank you!

'NEW' Worship Schedule on TV

Sunday — 1 & 9 a.m.; Tuesday — 12 & 3 p.m.;
Wednesday — 1 a.m., 4 & 9 p.m.;
Friday — 1 a.m., 4 p.m.; / Saturday — 3 a.m., 12 & 4 p.m.
Cable TV Channel 9 / Schedule Subject to Change