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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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Advent Workshop
9:00-10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

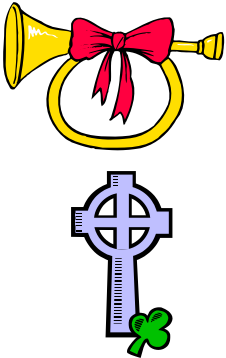
December 4 — The Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Luke 1:46b-55; John 1:6-8, 19-28
Sermon: "This Little Light...."
Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo
Music: Haviland Choir



December 11 — The Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-3; Isaiah 40:3-5, 42:6; Isaiah 35:1-2; Isaiah 7:14;
Luke 1:26-33; Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:1-7; Luke 2:8-14; Isaiah 60:1-3;
Matthew 2:1-2; Matthew 5:14-16; John 8:12; John 1:1-4
Proclamation of the Word:
"Tapestry of Light: A Celtic Christmas Celebration" by Joseph M.
Martin, presented by the Haviland Choir and guest musicians



Dear Friends,

Advent is officially here! The weeks ahead will provide many opportunities for us to remember ancient promises, hear angelic music, and look for the presence of Christ in our midst.

Many thanks to all who submitted thoughts and prayers for the 2011 edition of our Advent Devotional. If you did not pick up a devotional booklet yesterday, please be sure to do so!

One of my household's Advent traditions is offering hospitality. For the past several years, Steve and I have been inviting the officers of our churches to join us at our home for a time of food and friendship. This year, we have decided to make a change: we are inviting everyone! You are most cordially invited to stop by at 781 S. Lincoln Avenue (at the corner of Aetna Street) anytime from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, December 18.

Blessings of the season,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Dennis Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*),
Wavelene Arnold, Rosann Butler, Terry
Carman (*Wavelene Arnold's brother-in-law*),
Dan Crawford (*Linda Crawford's brother*),
Stella Dominic (4830 Hickory Hollow,
Middletown OH 45042), Barbara Double
(*Ken Double's mother*), Nancy Fawcett, 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,

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*), Gene Shafer, Dick
Shanker, Brian Smith (*Dan Smith's grandson*),
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: Ibby Dales, 211

Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234

Sterling House: Dorothy Gibson

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

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

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Financial Report

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| Envelope Income received November 6 | \$ 6,733.00 |
| Envelope Income received November 13 | \$11,455.00 |
| Envelope Income received November 20 | \$ 7,604.00 |
| Envelope Income received November 27 | \$ 2,800.00 |
| General Fund Balance, September 30, 2011 | (\$24,599.29) |
| October Revenues | \$19,034.03 |
| October Expenses | \$24,248.17 |
| General Fund Balance, October 31, 2011 | (\$29,813.43) |
| Christmas Joy Offering | \$ 100.00 |
| Per Capita (\$29 / 2011 Goal: \$12,963) | \$ 2,449.00 |

Armed Forces

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Barb Fennema's son*);

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† SSGT Stith, Ryan (*Harvey and Sally
Mason's grandson*)

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Thank You

I am back to normal and getting
around well from my hip surgery. I
wish to thank all members of the
church for the get well cards.

Sincerely,
Alberta K. Herron

To Our Church Family,
We cannot thank you enough for all
of the kind words and acts of sup-
port extended to us during this diffi-
cult time. From our own pink army
to beautiful flowers, from hugs on
Sunday to more greeting cards than
we can count, we feel truly blessed
to have you in our lives.

Sincerely,
Wavelene and Lauren Arnold

Salvation Army "Angel Tree"



We are sponsoring 40 children for
the Angel Tree program in which
children's genders, ages, needs, and
Christmas wish lists are hung from
tags on the Christmas tree in Fel-
lowship 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 out-
side. All gifts must be returned to the
church no later than December 11.



Christmas Joy Offering Envelopes are
attached to a letter included with this
newsletter. Envelopes are also in the
Sanctuary Pew Racks. We will receive
the offering through the month of
December.



Salem Community Pantry is in urgent
need of canned soup and small jars of
peanut butter. Please place items in
the box on the stage.

Basket Auction

Sunday, December 11

Proceeds Dedicated for Local Christmas Mission

Tickets will be sold.

Baskets will be on display on Sunday, December 4 before and after Worship.

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

Partial List of Baskets:

A Child's Birthday — Jayne Bozich Koeth

Angels — Board of Deacons

Baking — Pres-Bees Youth Club

Bird — Congregational Care

Breakfast — April Circle

Celebrate Salem — Haviland Choir

Christmas Baking — February Circle

Family Game Night — May Circle

Greetings — January Circle

Presbyterian Women — Pasta, Pasta, Pasta

Reading — Session

Sewing — March Circle

Specialty Chocolate — September Circle

Toys — LOGOS

Announcements

December 2-3 and 9-10 at 7 p.m.

Medieval Feaste

Christ Episcopal Church in Warren

2627 Atlantic Street NE

Call 330-726-5576 or visit

www.tapestriesofohio.net

Mike Newman is part of the Madrigal Singers

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December 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Salem Youth Choir Program

First Presbyterian Church, Salem

Freewill Offering

Your Session at Work

On November 17, your Session...

- thanked the Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee for a wonderful Consecration Sunday dinner
- planned their contribution to the Presbyterian Women's Basket Auction on December 11
- Called a Congregational Meeting for December 18 for the sole purpose of electing officers
- heard that the adjacent property at the corner of Third Street and Broadway has been purchased by Kevin Chumney, that the house will be demolished, and that the property will be donated to the Church
- heard a report on the implications of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s new *Form of Government* from our Clerk of Session

Our Church History ...

From the Messenger, December 2, 1951:

It's time to fill little white Christmas stockings again. The junior highs will be on hand Sunday morning to provide you with one of the "wee socks" to be filled with money for the Christian Education fund of our church. The "penny a meal" plan should result in a substantial increase in the funds available to those preparing for full-time Christian work, and in need of financial help for their training. The stockings will be filled during December, and collected in January on a date to be announced later.

From the Messenger, December 16, 1971:

The Kirk Handbell Ringers together with their director, Mrs. Tom Smith, journeyed to Youngstown recently to videotape Christmas music to be shown on the morning of December 24 at 9:10 a.m. on Channel 21. The group consists of Jayne Bozich, Marlene Fitch, Jill Hollinger, Gordon Kendall, Niles Kynett, Jan Milligan, Dena Papparodis, Helen Papparodis, Brian Smith, Missy Smith, and Ann Stewart.

Dorothy Papparodis is flute accompanist on one number. We are grateful, indeed, to have these fine Schulmerich handbells, and the excellent talent to use them adds much to the beauty of the Christmas season.

From the Messenger, December 4, 1991:

Mittens and Hats may be placed on our clothesline on the stage in Fellowship Hall this Sunday, December 1 and on Sunday, December 8. If you did not get a clothespin, bring your items to the Church Office.

November

- 29 / Tues 7:00 Book Study (107) -
God Hides in Plain Sight
- 30 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

December

Happy Birthday!

Joyce Smith (10), Jim Gibbs (13), Rita Hovis (13),
Phyllis Lamb (25), Charles Gibbs (27),
Robert McCulloch Jr. (27), Polly Kendall (28),
Juanita Latham (29)

- 1 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
6:00 Personnel Committee (107)
7:00 Committee Night:
Christian Ed (106), Mission I / S (FH),
Property (107), Worship (109)
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
- 3 / Sat 7:30 Salem Youth Choir Program (S)
- 4 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Advent Workshop (FH)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
4:30 LOGOS (FH) - *Making Hard Tack*
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 5 / Mon 5:00 Book Study (107) -
God Hides in Plain Sight
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 6 / Tues 9:30 Salem Ministerial Association (107)
7:00 Book Study (107) -
God Hides in Plain Sight



- 7 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) -
Chaplaincy by Rev. Ross Jackson
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 8 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
7:00 Finance (107)
- 11 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Advent Workshop (FH)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Haviland Choir Program*
Reception for Choir / PW Basket Auction
LOGOS to Schoenbrunn Village
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 12 / Mon 5:00 Book Study (107) -
God Hides in Plain Sight
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 13 / Tues 12:00 November Circle (Salem Golf Club)
7:00 Book Study (107) -
God Hides in Plain Sight
- 14 / Weds 9:00 February Circle
9:15 March Circle (110)
5:00 Pres-Bees *Dress Rehearsal*
NO Haviland Choir
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 15 / Thurs Preschool Christmas Parties (FH/107)
7:00 Session (110)
- 16 / Fri Preschool Christmas Parties (FH/107)
- 18 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Advent Workshop (FH)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Big Back Yard Meeting (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Children's Program*
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3
Blue and Gold Banquet (FH)
- 19 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 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.*