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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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October 23 — The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love
One
Another

Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-2, 14-17; Matthew 22:34-40
Sermon: "Unfinished Business"
Liturgist: Mickey Buck
Music: Haviland Choir

October 30 — All Saints' Sunday The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



Scripture: Genesis 12:1-5; Romans 4:1-5; John 3:1-17
Sermon: "Changing, God Knows How" - The Rev. Richard Ferris is preaching.
Liturgist: Denise Weingart
Music: Haviland Choir

Dear Friends,

At our opening prayer time before children's Sunday School this week, I was impressed that every adult there offered praise to God for the beauty of the fall weather. This happened despite the fact that Sunday morning featured a rather dismal sky and no promise of much warmth! I was reminded of the words of the prophet Habakkuk:

*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.*

Habakkuk isn't describing a merely cloudy day; he is talking about real hunger and need. And yet, *and yet*, he rejoices in the LORD's promises and providence.

It is usual, during the month of November, to turn our thoughts to gratitude and thanksgiving. However, even before November arrives, we have a special opportunity to give thanks to God on October 30. On the Sunday nearest November 1 (All Saints Day), we have been remembering those saints of this congregation who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year. I am especially glad that we are sharing the Lord's Supper on this day, for we do believe that at the Lord's Table we are "united in communion with all the faithful in heaven and on earth" {"*The Directory for Worship*," part of the *Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*}. Unfortunately, I need to be at the last meeting of the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission on October 30, but the Rev. Richard Ferris will capably lead our worship that Sunday. It can be a bittersweet experience to give thanks to God for lives that have touched ours; "yet we will rejoice in the LORD; we will exult in the God of our salvation."

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Alliance Community Hospital — Jean Martsoff

Others — Dennis Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Terry Carman (*Wavelene Arnold's brother-in-law*), Stella Dominic (4830 Hickory Hollow, Middletown OH 45042), Barbara Double (*Ken Double's mother*), Alice Fitch, Ruth Gould, Alberta Herron (627 Kimberly Ln NE, Atlanta GA 30306), 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 Martsoff, 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*), Paul Robinson (*Kim Double's uncle*), Gene Shafer, Roland Smith (*Susan Smith's father*), 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

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

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Financial Report

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Envelope Income received October 2	\$ 4,860.00
Envelope Income received October 9	\$ 2,593.00
Envelope Income received October 16	\$ 3,960.00
General Fund Balance, August 31, 2011	(\$17,039.76)
September Revenues	\$15,680.45
September Expenses	\$23,239.98
General Fund Balance, September 30, 2011	(\$24,599.29)
Peacemaking Offering	\$ 1,303.00
Per Capita (\$29 / 2011 Goal: \$12,963)	\$ 2,449.00

† SSGT Stith, Ryan (*Harvey and Sally Mason's grandson*)
Kilo Company / MCT SOI
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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Steve Ward and Vicki Honeywell and the families on the death of their stepbrother, Terry Coy.

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Congratulations to great grandparents Beverly and Curt Mosher on the birth of Avery Aliana Votaw. Parents are Derek and Natalie Votaw.



Congratulations to grandparents Dave and Phyllis Garlock on the birth of Cole Christopher Garlock on October 9. Parents are Darren and Tami Garlock of Cranberry Twp PA.



Save the Date:
Sunday, November 13
Thanksgiving Dinner
following Worship

~ Adieu ~

Turning the page to very likely the last chapter of my life, I bid you adieu: I am going to live in North Carolina, near my two daughters. Your friendship and many kindnesses to me, and to my dear Jim when he was living, have been a Blessing. May our Lord enfold each of you in His loving care, always.

Juanita R. Latham

Thank You

I want to thank everyone who helped me celebrate my 90th birthday, with a special thank you to Barbara Marra for creating the beautiful card that everyone signed.

Jack Hovis

Thank you for your contribution of \$819.00 to the Pentecost Offering. Your gift provides vital support to ministries that have a critical impact on the lives of children at risk, youth, and young adults.

General Assembly Mission Council, PC(USA)

Thank you for all of your support and donations for the youth's participation in the CROP Hunger Walk. We raised \$350, and 25% of that will come back to Salem. Youth and adult volunteers who walked were Meta Cramer, Beth Schallick, Denise and Jared Weingart, Melissa, Cody, Dana, Kirill, Andre, and Lana Tonkinson, Nichole Santini, Tylor Bricker, Mary Double, MacKenzie Martin, and Emma Minamyer.

Beth Schallick

Operation Christmas Child

The Board of Deacons would like our church to participate in "Operation Christmas Child," sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. This nondenominational program gives Christian children, ages 2-14, in distressed areas around the world a little bit of Christmas. Items will be used to fill shoeboxes, one per child. We would like all age groups to be represented in this project. Brochures are available at the Sanctuary entrances and should answer your questions. Please have your items at the church by November 20. Gift Suggestions are:

School Supplies, Toys, Hygiene Items, Other (hard candy and lollipops, mints, gum (please place all candy in ziploc bag), T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out of date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans



Christmas Sign Ups

Food, Clothing, and Toys

Serving zip codes 44408, 44431, 44490, 44460
for Children up to age 13

Thursday, October 27: 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 3: 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Must present 2 Forms of ID, Proof of Income and Residency, Social Security Card for everyone in household, Birth Certificates, and medical cards for children.

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

It's Just Around the Corner!

Yes, the season of Advent will be here before we know it. Your Session has agreed to contribute to a booklet of daily Advent devotions to be made available to the congregation.



You — yes, you! — are invited to submit a seasonal memory, thought, prayer, story, song, drawing, or anything else that may inspire you for inclusion in this devotional booklet. We need a total of 28 submissions to take us from November 27 to December 24. Please think about what has inspired you to seek and find God's love in your own life, and share it with the rest of us.

P.S. — These do not need to be "Christmas-y"!

Our Church History . . .

From the Messenger, October 19, 1961:

HOW DO WE RATE?

The October 15 issue of "Presbyterian Life" contains a number of statistics and a mass of informative material on the whole life of the United Presbyterian Church. This information is essential to the broad understanding required of Presbyterians as they are charged with individual responsibility for decision about the great task of the Church both in local communities and across the world.

We as United Presbyterians have been called into the Christian Church with the responsibility of going into all the world for Jesus Christ. Our General Assembly long years ago described our Church as a "missionary society".

To endeavor to do this on the "leavings" from the incomes of individuals or from "what is left over" in the budget of a church after we do all we want to do for ourselves, is to fail utterly in our Mission in the world. Yet this is the way many members, and many churches, have endeavored to serve Jesus Christ.

Our denomination, composed generally of middle-class Americans, ranks 20th in giving per member, following many denominations composed of members in lower income brackets.

Within our denomination, among 400 churches with membership between 1,000 and 1,500 members, our church ranks as follows:



- 125th in membership
- 198th in giving to local expenses of the congregation
- 205th in total giving
- 28th in giving Per Capita to the General Mission (benevolences; although, even in such rank, we contribute but 1¢ per member per day to missionary efforts overseas)

Our giving per member is approximately 15% below the average of churches of our size group and about 10% below the average of all churches in the denomination.

October

Happy Birthday!

Bill Hannay (19), Jo Hendricks (25)

- 19 / Weds 9:00-3:00 Preschool Pictures (107)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 20 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) — Th/F
10:00 Church Staff Meeting (Church Office)
7:00 Session (107)
- 23 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In (FH)
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) - Sunday School
10:30 Worship (S)
LOGOS Maze Craze
following Worship 
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 24 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 25 / Tues Preschool Dad's Pumpkin Carving (FH)
- 26 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees 'Trunk or Treat'
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) 
- 27 / Thurs Preschool Halloween Parties — Th/F
6:30 A.I.D. Board Meeting (107)
- 30 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In (FH)
9:00 Sunday School Classes going to
Hope Cemetery
9:00 Communion Training Class (107)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) - Congregational Care
10:30 Worship (S) — Rev. Dick Ferris
All Saints' Sunday — Sacrament of Lord's Supper
LOGOS raking leaves in the afternoon
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 31 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)



November

Happy Birthday!

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

- 2 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) -
Europe Program by John Krauss
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 3 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
7:00 Committees:
Christian Education (106)
Mission I and S (FH)
Property and Maintenance (107)
Worship, Music, Arts (109)
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
- 5 / Sat  Turn Clocks
Back 1 Hour
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 6 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In (FH)
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Study (110)
9:00 Communion Training Class (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - Praise Choir
Soup and Dessert Luncheon (FH)
4:30 LOGOS (FH) 
- 7 / Mon Personnel Reviews (110)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 9 / Weds 9:00 February Circle
9:15 March Circle (110)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 10 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH)
7:00 Finance (107)
- 11 / Fri No Preschool



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.*