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# The Presbyterian Messenger



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

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## Sunday, October 7 World Communion Sunday

Scripture: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Mark 10:17-27  
Sermon: "Gathered at the Vineyard"  
Liturgist: Jim Harrison  
Music: Haviland Choir



## Sunday, October 14 The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22;  
Psalm 124; Mark 9:49-50  
Sermon: "Pass the Salt"  
Music: Haviland Choir



Dear Friends,

As long as we live, we learn. We learn, whether or not we study formally. However, if we aren't intentional about our learning, what we take into our minds and hearts may not be helpful in growing our faith and expanding our faithfulness.

You know that we have regular learning opportunities here at First Presbyterian Church. Sunday School classes are available for all children and youth at 9 a.m. each Sunday. Jim Gibbs has been teaching a class for adults for quite a few years now. Those who avail themselves of these opportunities are grateful for them.

We are adding two new opportunities for learning and sharing. Mary Jo Milheim and Carol Dougherty are going to lead a study based on the book *Sacred Necessities* by Terry Hershey. I can attest that it is a good book! In addition to the book itself, they have access to a series of sermons based upon the book's chapters. This group will meet on Monday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. beginning on October 15. If you would like to have a copy of the book, please inform the Church Office very soon. If you prefer to attend the study and simply hear the sermons, that's fine too.

On Sunday mornings, beginning on October 7, I will be leading a class on the Old Testament. We will be using a DVD series featuring Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, a nationally renowned professor at Vanderbilt University. We will listen to her very engaging presentations and have time left over for discussion. This class will be meeting in the Church Library.

I myself am taking advantage of a unique learning opportunity this week. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is providing the services of Dr. Teresa Stricklen to a group of ministers who want to become better at "missional preaching" – that is, preaching the Kingdom of God.

We are called to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength. Lifelong learning expands not only our minds, but our hearts and faith as well!

*Blessings, Meta*

*Be sure and read the Youth Page in this newsletter for ways you can help. Thanks!*

## Prayer Concerns

Wavelene Arnold, Chris Brown (UMC Choir Director, needs kidney transplant), Logan Chisholm (Dick and Eileen Shanker's great grandson), 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), Morgan Fennema (Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter), Ruth Garvey (Angela Milligan's mother), Yvonne Goll (Missionary in LA, "Saving Innocence"), Dustin Gorby (Mickey Buck's friend), Ruth Gould, Jim Hollinger, Jack and Rita Hovis, Lynne Berryman Jackson (Sandra Arter's friend), Hayden Johnson, Bill and Theresa Jones, Char McDevitt, Bill Phillips (Joyce Smith's son-in-law), Charles and Charity Ricciardi, 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, Alexis Wright (Jesse and Rochelle Wright's daughter)

## Special Care Facilities

**Blossom:** Georgiana Costa, 204B  
**Clare Bridge of Austintown:** Bill Butler (Pat Butler's husband); 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd, Austintown OH 44515  
**Community Care Center:** Rosann Butler, 101; PO Box 2720, Alliance OH 44601  
**Copeland Oaks:** Chet Roof, 6-202; John Martsof, 7-421  
**Courtyard:** Phyllis Lamb, 109; Linda Tonti, 209 (John Tonti's mother)  
**Crandall:** Marilyn Clark, 185; Betsy Johnson, 251 (Tom Johnson's wife); Polly Kendall, 280  
**Essex 3:** Ibbby 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

Envelope Income received September 2	\$ 3,090.00
Envelope Income received September 9	\$ 4,179.00
Envelope Income received September 16	\$ 7,391.00
Envelope Income received September 23	\$ 2,647.00
General Fund Balance, August 31, 2012	\$ 4,086.72
Peacemaking Offering	\$ 395.00
Per Capita (\$30 / 2012 Goal: \$12,090)	\$ 2,513.00

## Military

**SGT Fennema, John T.**  
[fennema33@yahoo.com](mailto:fennema33@yahoo.com)  
 Paul and Barb Fennema's son

**1LT Halverstadt, Jon**  
 C. Co. 403rd CA BN  
 FOB Salerno / APO AE 09314  
 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](mailto: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

✠ In Memoriam ✠  
 Florence Louise (Myers) Murdock

Joined First Church  
 February 22, 1972

Died — September 26, 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 the family of Louise Murdock.



To our friends at FPC, Thank you for all of your support during this busy building season. From letting us use your parking lot, to setting up Fellowship Hall, to a Minute for Mission, you have been great!

Lauren Arnold,  
 Habitat for Humanity

I want to thank you for your donation of soaps and shampoos to the Christina House. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of the women who stay with us. I hope you know how much your continued support means to all of us, especially the women and children we serve.

Beth Schmitt,  
 Program Manager

We would like to thank everyone who came to help celebrate our 90th birthdays and for the many nice cards we received. A special thank you to Mrs. Barbara Marra for making all the arrangements and also for the beautiful picture she painted for us.

Bruno and Kay Stanga

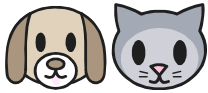
Congratulations to Brian Koons and Kimberly Walker who were married September 22nd at First Friends Church of Salem.



## HELP WANTED:

COFFEE HOUR, 9:30-10:30  
 ONE SUNDAY MORNING  
 CALL BARBARA MARRA,  
 330-337-3075





**Saturday, October 6  
10 a.m.**

A "Blessing of the Animals" service will be held at this time of year when we remember Francis of Assisi, who loved all of God's creatures. Bring your leashed or crated pets for a brief time of worship and an individual blessing. Cider and donuts will be available.

*Benefit for Charles & Charity Ricciardi*

**Saturday,  
October 13**

Mahoning Co. Coon Hunter's Association

*Cornhole  
Tournament*

*\$30 per team*

Chinese Auction  
Pizza & Desserts

*Family Friendly  
Event*

### *Trip to Israel*

The Revs. Meta and Steve Cramer are planning a trip to Israel for March 11-20, 2013. This trip will be primarily a Biblical pilgrimage, visiting sites important to our faith. Those who have visited these places first-hand never read the Bible in quite the same way again. This will be Steve's fourth trip and Meta's third. We have always felt totally secure on our travels, enough so to take our children with us. The cost of this trip is \$3500 per person for double occupancy, which includes all airfare, hotels, breakfasts and dinners, admissions, transportation and the services of an excellent tour guide. Please do not hesitate to speak with Meta if you have any interest. We will be taking this trip provided that we have the minimum of 15 persons required for group travel. The first deposit will be needed by October 31.



### **Boy Scout Troop 3 Popcorn Sale**

Troop 3 will be conducting its annual Popcorn Sale Fundraiser from now until October 29, 2012. An order form will be on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in supporting your scout troop. Delivery will begin on November 17<sup>th</sup>. If there are any questions, please contact Mark Smith at 330-332-8312. Thanks to the First Presbyterian Church for 100+ years of support!



### **NEWS FROM THE ROC YOUTH CENTER...**

FOOD SPONSORS are needed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month – gift card, food, money; call Penny Lippiatt.

A SPECIAL EXERCISE CLASS FOR GIRLS ONLY is held on Saturday evenings from 7:30-8:15 p.m. The ROC is open to all youth aged 14-20.

## **YOUR SESSION AT WORK**

*meeting on September 20, 2012...*

- approved the Christian Education Committee's plan to collect paper products for St. Vincent de Paul and the Salem Community Pantry and non-perishable items for "Backpack Buddies"
- approved the Congregational Care Committee's plans to hold a Soup and Dessert Lunch on November 4, a Choir Appreciation Reception on December 16, a Valentine Potluck on February 10, and a Soup and Bread Lunch on March 17
- approved the Finance and Administration Committee's recommendations for minor policy changes and authorized borrowing up to \$15,000 from our Permanent Funds if and when necessary
- approved the Mission Interpretation and Stewardship's recommendation that the 25% of the Peacemaking Offering retained locally be earmarked for the continued development of our Garden
- approved the recommendation of the Worship, Music and the Arts Committee for the Children's Choir schedule
- heard a report from Elder Mark Flake on the September 11 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery
- heard an update from the Spiritual Strategic Journey team engaged together in intercessory prayer for the congregation

## *Our Church History ...*

*From the Messenger, October 4, 1942*

### **WAR-TIME SERVICE FUND**

Our church will make its contribution Oct. 4 toward this million dollars Presbyterians are raising. Come prepared Sunday to give liberally. The loose offering will go to this great cause.

### **CHURCH LOYALTY CRUSADE**

Begins Sunday, October 4, and continues till Thanksgiving. Our total attendance and percentage will appear with that of other churches in each Monday edition of The Salem News. Look for it. Come to church and help us maintain a good record.

*From the Messenger, October 18, 1962*

### **SESSION CALLS ASSISTANT PASTOR**

The Session is happy to announce to the congregation that Dr. J. Paul Graham, pastor of John Knox United Presbyterian Church, Canton, Ohio, for the past seven years, has accepted the invitation of the Session to become Assistant Pastor of our Church.

# October

## Happy Birthday!

Dick Dale (3), Jack Hovis (8),  
Jean Hannay (10), Norman Smith (17),  
Bill Hannay (19), Jo Hendricks (25)

- 3 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH)  
Program: *Travel Trips* by Ellie Parker  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 4 / Thurs 9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH) - Th/F  
7:00 Salem Bird Study (110)  
**7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),  
Property (107), Worship (109)**
- 6 / Sat 10:00 Blessing of Animals Service 
- 7 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Adult Sunday School (107)  
 10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - *Sacrament of Communion*  
2:00 LOGOS - Columbiana CROP Walk  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 8 / Mon 12:00 November Circle (Das Dutch Haus)  
*Leaving at 11:30 from church*  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Congregational Care (107)**
- 9 / Tues Preschool Field Trips - Tu/Wed/Th  
6:00 April Circle (Hickory Rib Restaurant)
- 10 / Weds 9:00 February Circle  
9:45 March Circle (110) Note New Time  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club Starts  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 11 / Thurs 9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH)  
**7:00 Finance (110)**
- 12 / Fri No Preschool
- 13 / Sat 11:00 Baby Shower (FH)

- 14 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Adult Sunday School (107)  
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 15 / Mon 9:00-2:00 Preschool Pictures (107) - M/Tu  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
6:30 Book Study 1 (107) - *Sacred Necessities*
- 16 / Tues **8:30 am Investment Committee (107)**  
9:00-5:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 17 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 18 / Thurs 9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH) - Th/F  
**7:00 Session (107)**
- 20 / Sat 9:00-3:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 21 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Adult Sunday School (107)  
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)  
6:30 Presbytery Gathering (107) -  
*Generative Conversation*
- 22 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
6:30 Book Study 2 (107) - *Sacred Necessities*
- 23 / Tues 4-8 Preschool: Dad's Pumpkin Carving (FH)
- 24 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Festival: *Superhero Crusade*  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 25 / Thurs 9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
- 28 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Adult Sunday School (107)  
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

## Salem Community Pantry

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

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

## 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.\*