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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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## October 9 — The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Birthday Celebration for Jack Hovis during Coffee Hour*



Forgiveness

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-20; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 18:21-35  
Sermon: "You Expect What?"  
Liturgist: Corey Kuhns  
Music: Haviland Choir

## October 16 — The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Sermon: "There Goes God!"  
Liturgist: Gloria Shafer  
Music: Haviland Choir

Dear Friends,

I thought that World Communion Sunday was quite warm and cheerful despite the cold, dark, rainy weather! A number of us braved the elements to gather at the northwest corner of our property, where the first plantings have been made in our new garden. Do walk or drive by and see how lovely it looks! The garden does not yet have an official name, but Bill Rousseau likes to call it our "multi-hyphened garden" --- as we think of it as a place for Peace, Prayer, Meditation, Memorials, etc.! Many thanks to Bill and all those who have worked to make this garden a reality. Thanks also to everyone who contributed to the last three Peacemaking Offerings. The local portion of those Offerings has made this garden possible!

The joy of the Haviland Choir, as they wished Director of Music John Krauss a happy birthday, was contagious. I enjoyed watching from the back of the sanctuary as some of your feet were tapping and your bodies swaying a bit to the rhythms of the closing Choir Response, "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ." And that was appropriate, for the Lord's Supper is, after all, a joyful feast prepared for us by our *risen, living* Lord.

As we head into the brilliant colors of autumn, World Communion Sunday is a reminder that God's people also come in a wide range of colors and in a variety of nationalities, languages and perspectives on life. Yet all of us are invited to the abundant banquet set for us in God's Kingdom, a Kingdom that is among us even now.

Blessings,  
Meta

## Prayer Concerns

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), Doris Johnson (*Jay Johnson's grandmother*), Hayden Johnson: [www.caringbridge.org/visit/haydenjohnson](http://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*), 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*), Derek Votaw (*Curt and Beverly Mosher's grandson*)

## 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  
**Essex 3:** Ibbby Dales, 211  
**Grace Woods Village:** Jo Hawkins, 234  
**Sterling House:** Dorothy Gibson  
**Weatherwood Manor:** Dolores Kynett, 201;  
 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601

## Armed Forces

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 1-17 IN PO Box 339554 / Joint Base Lewis & McChord / Washington 98433  
 † **SSGT Stith, Ryan** (*Harvey and Sally Mason's grandson*)  
 Kilo Company / MCT SOI  
 Camp Pendleton CA 92055

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## Financial Report

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Envelope Income received September 4	\$ 2,673.00
Envelope Income received September 11	\$ 3,563.00
Envelope Income received September 18	\$ 4,570.00
Envelope Income received September 25	\$ 4,200.00
Envelope Income received October 2	\$ 4,860.00
General Fund Balance, August 31, 2011	(\$17,039.76)
Peacemaking Offering	\$ 1,141.00
Per Capita (\$29 / 2011 Goal: \$12,963)	\$ 2,449.00

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## In Memoriam

Lois (Myers/Oyer) Roth

Joined First Church  
 January 8, 1940

Died  
 September 27, 2011

"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 Lois Roth; and to Terri Stewart and the family on the death of her father, Maynard Stewart. Terri and her father, descendants of the founders of First Church, were here visiting in July and in Worship.



Congratulations to Brandon Harrison and Allison Carroll who were married on September 24.



Please read the Self Study Minute for Mission and Holy Conversation Questions Insert in this newsletter.



Congratulations to grandparents Dr. Greg and Lynn Gardner and George Buckshaw on the birth of Reagan Naomi Buckshaw on September 9. Parents are Dr. Stacey and Jeff Buckshaw of Akron.

Congratulations to grandparent Sandra Arter on the birth of her first grandchild, Callie Rose Arter, on September 20 in Cleveland.



As you may know, many members of the Salem community are recent immigrants who do not have drivers' licenses. Sr. Mary Ann McFadden has brought the following concern to the Salem Ministerial Association: "We need help very badly! We need daytime drivers to transport people to medical appointments, usually in Lisbon and Youngstown. If each congregation in Salem could get ONE PERSON to help, we would be very grateful."

Save the Date:  
 Sunday, November 13



Thanksgiving Dinner  
 following Worship



## Fall Book Study

In the Protestant tradition, there are two sacraments -- Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Other Christian traditions list seven sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Confession, Marriage, Vocation, the Lord's Supper, and Last Rites. Dean Nelson (who is definitely Protestant!) explores these seven spiritual issues in his book *God Hides in Plain Sight: How to See the Sacred in a Chaotic World*.

I would like to lead a study of this book, which is available for about \$13 from the most popular on-line booksellers. (A group order would be possible.) *Whether or not you wish to purchase the book*, I invite you to be part of a group that explores these various aspects of life. The book is full of "real-life" illustrations which make it very accessible.

Rather than set a particular day and time for discussing this book, I'd like to hear from those who are interested and then find what times are possible. Some *possibilities* would be late Monday afternoon, Tuesday evening, or even Sunday morning. I look forward to hearing from you.

## Pilgrimage to Israel

*Reflections by Meta Cramer*

Steve and I have been blessed with opportunities to travel to Israel on several occasions (4 for him, 3 for me). After our first trip, we asked ourselves how we could share what we'd experienced with others. We concluded that the best way we could share it would be to help others make the trip themselves. It is an incomparable thing to renew one's baptism in the Jordan River, to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, to share the Lord's Supper at the Garden Tomb. Recently we have been asked to consider leading another trip to Israel. There are no definite plans at this time, although we are in touch with our travel agent. Please speak to me if you have any interest in this journey.

## Eastminster PW Fall Gathering

**Monday, October 24 — 9:00 a.m.**

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Boardman

Guest Speaker: Eric Mathews — *"Together in Service"*

*Ohio Department of Natural Resources:*

*Caring for God's earth by Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling*

Registration Forms are available in the Church Office and must include payment of \$6.00 payable to Presbyterian Women. Please try to get your registrations in by Monday, October 17.

## 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 18, 1931:**

### WELCOMING STRANGERS

Are strangers visiting our church allowed to slip out without being welcomed? Mrs. Luella Harris and the clerk of session are on the welcoming committee this month, but don't leave it all to them. You have heard that old story about the lady who in an "ice-less" town out west made such good ice cream. When pressed for an explanation as how she froze it, she blandly replied that she only had to stir it up, then set it over in the vestibule of the Presbyterian Church and no ice would be needed. Dispell any such impression about our church.

**From the Messenger, October 25, 1931:**

*When Ill or In Trouble — Call Your Pastor*

**From the Messenger, October 12, 1961:**

### LAYMEN'S SUNDAY

Along with several thousand churches across our denomination, next Sunday will be Laymen's Sunday. The worship services next Sunday morning will be conducted by the following laymen: Powell Schmauch, Karl Wright, Leslie Brantingham, Ray Abrams, J. Wilbert Wernet, John Williams, William J. Davis, and Gerald Foster.

Mr. Alfred Fitch will deliver the message at both services under the topic "The Great Breakthrough".

We appreciate the fine service rendered in many ways week by week by our laymen. We are happy and proud to have them lead us in worship.

**From the Messenger, October 31, 1971:**

**REPAIR WORK** on guttering and downspouts, and exterior painting have been completed in our building renovation program and work is now being done on the repair of the retaining wall on the east side of the building.

# October

## Happy Birthday!

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

5 / Weds

12:00 Daytimers (FH) —  
Pottery with Jenny Wilms  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)



6 / Thurs

9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) — Th/F  
**7:00 Committee Night:**  
**Christian Education (106)**  
**Mission I and S (FH)**  
**Property and Maintenance (107)**  
**Worship, Music, and the Arts (109)**  
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)



9 / Sun

8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In/Prayer (FH)  
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) —  
90th Birthday Celebration for Jack Hovis  
10:30 Worship (S)  
2:00 LOGOS to CROP Walk in Columbiana  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



10 / Mon

6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**6:30 Board of Deacons (FH)**  
**7:30 Congregational Care (107)**



12 / Weds

Preschool to Fire Station  
9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills / Church)  
9:15 March Circle (110)  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

13 / Thurs

Preschool to Fire Station  
**7:00 Finance Committee (107)**

14 / Fri

No Preschool  
6:30 Lalena Whittington / Jeffrey Klingman  
Wedding Rehearsal (S)

15 / Sat

3:00 Lalena Whittington /  
Jeffrey Klingman Wedding (S)

16 / Sun

8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In (FH)  
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) - LOGOS  
10:30 Worship (S)  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



17 / Mon

6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

18 / Tues

9:00-3:00 Preschool Pictures (107)  
**8:30 am Investment**  
**Committee (107)**  
6:00 April Circle (DeRienzo's; RSVP  
Grace Smith, 330-332-8312 by Oct 17)

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  
**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  
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

30 / 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) - Congregational Care  
10:30 Worship (S) — Rev. Dick Ferris  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
LOGOS Leaf Raking in the afternoon  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



31 / 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.\*