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Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

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Sunday, October 13 — The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: *Forever Faithful*

Liturgist: Ruth Newman

Music: Haviland Choir — “A New Song”



Sunday, October 20 The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 119:97-104,
Luke 18:1-8

Sermon: *Wrestling and Stalking*

Liturgist: Paul Fennema

Music: Haviland Choir —

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Worship
— with Us

Dear Friends,

If you've been in worship over the course of the last several weeks, you've heard about some changes in our Church Staff. Earlier this fall, Beth Schallick made the difficult decision to resign after serving for four years as our Director of Youth Ministries. With Beth's departure, the Personnel Committee chose to consider restructuring the staff positions for those who work with our children and youth.

As a result, you may have heard me announce on September 29 that Kim Double - formerly Director of Christian Education - is now Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries. That means that Kim is still responsible for our over-all Christian Education program, including Sunday School. She is taking on additional responsibilities related to the LOGOS Youth Group for Grades 6-12. She is *no longer* responsible for the week-to-week operation of Pres-Bees on Wednesdays or of Vacation Bible School in the summer, although she will be available as a consultant and a resource.

A newly-created position, Coordinator of Midweek and Summer Children's Ministries, will be filled by Jayne Bricker. As the position title suggests, Jayne will be responsible for the operation of Pres-Bees and of Vacation Bible School. Jayne has volunteered in both of these programs for years and brings a great deal of talent and experience to this position.

Sue Skiba will continue to work with Pres-Bees as Assistant Director of Midweek Children's Ministries. Sue has done this for many years and is an important and dependable contributor to the program's success.

We are very blessed - not only with many faithful, committed and hard-working disciples within our congregation - but with a wonderful staff as well. In addition to our three Christian Education staff, Phyllis holds us all together; Ed anticipates our every need; John and Nancy gift us with beautiful and meaningful music; Ruthann and Brenda look out for the safety and happiness of our small children. And Debbie, as our independent financial consultant, is a true Godsend.

Our staff - and I as your pastor - are here to serve *you* and to enable *you* to best contribute your gifts to this congregation, to our neighborhood, and to the world. Staff persons are not hired to do all the work of God's people, but are accountable for providing organization, direction, and creativity as *all* of us live out our calling to be Jesus' faithful disciples, doing his work in the world. I am so thankful for all who serve!

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Darla Allen (Kevin Chumney's sister), John Beebe (Debbie McCulloch's father), Ken Burrier, 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), Nicole Fennema (Paul and Barbara Fennema's daughter-in-law), Melissa Griffith (Judy Sicilia's friend), Bud Hays (Sue Merry's father), Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Bill and Theresa Jones, Lynn Kostura (Lauren Arnold's college friend's mother), Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (Phil Tetlow's cousins), Ellen Maticcik's daughter-in-law's father died — the family of Grover ("J.R.") Loftin, Susan McCullough (Susan Merry's co-worker), Helen Newman (Jim Newman's mother), Chris, wife Emily and preemie Nolan Parker (Larry and Ellie Parker's son), Bill Phillips (Joyce Smith's son-in-law), Sam Pridon, Clarence Reed (Sue Skiba's father), Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Connie Bowman Rowe (Helen Hayes' friend), Joan Schomer (Rev. Dan Schomer's wife), Ruth and Gene Shafer, Edison Shaw (Gloria Shafer's stepfather), Roland and Mary Smith (Susan Smith's parents), Makala Walker (Lucy Works' friend's great granddaughter), Denise Weingart, Jenny Wilms, Jane Wilson (friend of Sue and Bob Merry and Cheryl and Bill McDevitt), Leslie Wilson in Cleveland Clinic (Noah Ferrier's mother), Lucy Works, A Friend of Jen Sarginger

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum
Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Roland and Mary Smith (Susan Smith's parents)
Clare Bridge: Bill Butler (Pat Butler's husband); 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd, Austintown OH 44515
Community Care: Rosann Butler, 131; PO Box 2720, Alliance OH 44601
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251 (Tom Johnson's wife); Jim Mohr, 263
Essex III: Ibby Dales, 211
Grace Woods: Jo Hawkins, 234
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Shepherd of the Valley: Jo Hendricks, 218; 4100 N River Rd NE, Warren OH 44484
Sterling House: Dorothy Gibson, 303
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601

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Envelope Income received October 6	\$ 5,795.00
General Fund Balance, August 31, 2013	(-\$3,337.82)
Peacemaking Offering (Goal — \$2,000)	\$ 1,040.00
Per Capita (\$31 / 2013 Goal: \$11,966)	\$ 2,234.00

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

Military

FENNEMA, JOHN T. SGT
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 Paul and Barb Fennema's son

HARP, ALEX LCPL
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 John and Joetta Tonti's grandson

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In Memoriam
 Ruth J. (McKay) Gould

Joined First Church
 September 19, 1996

Died — September 30, 2013

"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 Jack Gould and the family on the death of his wife, Ruth; and to Rich and Sheila Lobdell and the family on the death of Sheila's brother-in-law, Porter Ellis.

Congratulations to great grandparents Jim Mohr and Jim and Marty Hollinger on the birth of Elinor Jane Scott on September 14. Parents are Katie (Mohr) and Will Scott and grandparents are Jim and Jill Mohr.



Congratulations to Beth McDevitt and Michael Woods who were married October 5 in the Sanctuary by Rev. Meta Cramer.



Thank You

Dear Church Family, I would like, once again, to thank all of you for your prayers, visits, cards, e-mails, flowers, and phone calls. I am doing well in my recovery and am back at school. I am working three days per week and that is just perfect. I still love working with my "at-risk" readers through Intensive Reading Intervention. I want to again tell you that all of your prayers and concerns have been a great help and comfort to me, and I am truly appreciative.

Sandra Arter

Thank you to Jeremy Mackall for the design, producing, and mounting of the new sign for the playground. It looks fantastic! Thank you to Dana Tonkinson for the facelift she gave to the Preschool sign. Not only does it look great, but we also now have "Preschool Samantha" as a friend for "Preschool Sam"!

Sue Skiba and the Preschool Staff

Dear Meta and Our Church Family, A very grateful "Thank You" to you and the church family — for your hospital visit and the calls, cards, prayers, and thoughts during my knee surgery and a special thanks for the flowers waiting on my porch as I arrived home from the hospital delivered by Ellen Maticcik...again and again, I thank you all.

Jenny Wilms

Thank you Joan Ferrier for the special visit when you delivered the beautiful flowers to me following my recent surgery. Thank you church family for the thoughts and prayers during my recovery.

Sue Kyser

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church,
meeting on September 26, 2013...

- Noted the affirmative results of an e-mail poll which approved the revised job descriptions of Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries and Coordinator of Midweek and Summer Children's Ministries.
- Approved a "Cake Walk" to benefit the Salem Community Pantry during the Pres-Bees Fall Festival, scheduled for October 30.
- Approved Dr. Juanita Roderick-Latham's transfer of membership to the Shallotte Presbyterian Church of South Carolina.
- Approved the following dates for activities by the Congregational Care Committee: Soup and Desert Luncheon on November 10, Haviland Choir Appreciation Reception on December 15, Valentine Potluck Dinner on February 9, 2014, and Soup and Bread Luncheon on March 16, 2014.
- Heard that the Mission and Interpretation of Stewardship Committee is planning a series of presentations on our contributions to mission, and a congregational dinner on November 17.
- Authorized the Mission and Interpretation Committee to make the final determination of the distribution of the local share of the Peacemaking Offering; the goal is to use it to address the drug problem in Salem.
- Approved the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to hire Kim Double for the position of Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries.
- Heard a report by Elder Carol Ricciardi on the September meeting of Eastminster Presbytery, which included a report from Youth Triennium participants and a sermon and presentation by the Rev. Neal Presa, current Moderator of the General Assembly.
- Heard that Meta Cramer's continuing education event for early October has been canceled, and that the October meeting of the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission will be held via conference call, enabling her to lead worship on October 27.

Youth News

Did You Know?

- Riley Tuel was given the first Merit Ticket Slushy Reward for demonstrating positive character in the area of caring at West Branch Middle School.

Pres-Bees Youth Club:

Children Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 5 / Weds., 5-6:45 p.m.

October 9 First Gathering
October 16 Regular Gathering
October 23 Regular Gathering
October 30 Noah's Ark Fall Festival



"Cake Walk" to benefit Salem Pantry. Cake Pans are being provided and can be picked up now in Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Cake and Candy donations needed.

LOGOS:

Youth in Grades 6-12 / Sundays, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

October 13 Skate Zone / Pizza Hut / Leave at Noon
October 20 Regular LOGOS
October 27 Regular LOGOS
November 3 Regular LOGOS
November 10 Regular LOGOS
November 17 Chex Mix Night
November 24 Chex Mix Night

The LOGOS group and summer camp **Holiday Fundraiser** will be on **December 15**. We are looking for donations for the **Bake Sale** and the kids will be preparing several varieties of Chex Mix recipes also for sale.

Please contact Kim Double, 234-567-1752, for further information if you can lend a hand with this project.



Chex Mix Donations (Place in box on stage, Thanks!)

Corn Chex — 3 boxes
Rice Chex — 8 boxes
Wheat Chex — 3 boxes
Creamy Peanut Butter — 6 large jars
Powdered Sugar — 3 bags
Granulated Sugar — 1 bag
Margarine — 3 boxes
Bite Sized Pretzels — 3 bags
Mixed Nuts — 6 cans
Bite Sized Garlic Bagel Chips — 3 boxes
Vanilla Milk Chips / White Baking Chocolate — 3 bags
Dried Cranberries — 3 bags
Cheez It — 3 boxes



October

Happy Birthday!

Jack Hovis (8), Jean Hannay (10), Mary Lepping (15),
Norman Smith (17), Bill Hannay (19), Jo Hendricks (25),
Stella Dominic (26), Shirley Benson (30)

- 9 / Weds 9:15 February Circle (Salem Hills)
9:30 March Circle (I 10)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)
- 10 / Thurs **7:00 Finance and Administration (I 10)**
- 13 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I 10)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
12:00 LOGOS to Skate Zone/Pizza Hut
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 14 / Mon Preschool Pictures (107)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 15 / Tues Preschool Pictures (107)
- 16 / Weds Preschool Field Trip
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)
- 17 / Thurs Preschool Field Trip
7:00 Session (107)
- 18 / Fri No Preschool
9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)
- 20 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I 10)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
4:30-6:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 21 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 22 / Tues 9:00-4:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
5:00 Preschool: Dad's Pumpkin Carving (FH)

- 23 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)
- 26 / Sat 2:00 Bridal Shower (FH)
- 27 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I 10)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
4:30-6:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 28 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 30 / Weds Preschool Halloween Parties (107)
5:00 Pres-Bees — Noah's Ark Fall Festival
"Cake Walk" Fundraiser for Salem Pantry
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)
- 31 / Thurs Preschool Halloween Party (107)

November

Happy Birthday!

Marilyn Loudon (5), Dolores Kynett (14),
Ruth Varkonda (15), Ibby Dales (22),
Minnie Rhea Carter (25)

- 1 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)
- 3 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I 10)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - Cherub Choir; Communion
4:30-6:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 4 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 5 / Tues 9:30-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 6 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH)
History Committee with Dave Stephens
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)



Salem Community Pantry

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

Items needed — canned soup, small jars of peanut butter, and personal hygiene items.

Place items in box on stage. Thank you!

Worship Schedule on TV

Sunday — 1 & 9 am / Monday — 1am

Tuesday — 3 am, 12 & 4 pm / Wednesday — 1 am, 4 & 9 pm

Friday — 1 am / Saturday — 3 am, 12 & 4 pm

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