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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, September 23 The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Psalm 54; James 3:13-18; Mark 9:33-41  
Sermon: "Being Jesus' Hands —  
Whether You Know It or Not!"  
Liturgist: Brad Stephens  
Music: Haviland Choir

## Sunday, September 30 The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Psalm 8; Hebrews 2:10-18;  
Matthew 19:1-15  
Sermon: "Preached with Fear and Trembling"  
Liturgist: Julie Mackall  
Music: Haviland Choir



Dear Friends,

Over the course of 2012, our congregation has been engaged in a process called the Spiritual Strategic Journey. This process has been sponsored by Eastminster Presbytery and given support by our General Presbyter, Dan Schomer. Four other churches within the Presbytery are on this Journey alongside us.

Many of you participated in prayer groups during our first 120 days of involvement, getting to know one another better and beginning to discern the future direction in which God is leading us. (Or, as our consultant George Bullard would put it, we are discerning how God is *pulling* us toward our full potential to live in God's Kingdom.)

I want you all to know that our SSJ "Team" has been very active in this process. Paul Fennema, Lynn Peterson, Mark Smith, Denise Weingart, Sis Winch, and Lynn Zocolo have devoted countless hours -- not only to looking over your responses and to planning presentations -- but to participating in the three gatherings which the Presbytery has provided over the course of the year. At those gatherings, the five participating churches met with our consultant and our General Presbyter for several hours on a Friday evening and then for several hours the next day. Not every member of the team was able to attend every one of the sessions, but the amount of time devoted to this process (especially precious weekend time) has been truly commendable!

Over the course of the next weeks, our SSJ Team will be preparing to present our "Future Story" for your edification and delight at a worship service in November. This "Story" is based on the insights you gained during your time in prayer and discernment.

I have found myself inspired by the work of our Team and by the ideas and insights that have been generated by prayer, conversation, and lots of good humor! Please continue to pray with them and for them. And, of course, pray that in all things we will be faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings,  
Meta

## 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*), Rose Marie Crookston, Stella Dominic, Rich Eichler, 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*), Sam Winch (*Rev. Bill Winch's son*), Lucy Works, Alexis Wright (*Jesse and Rochelle Wright's daughter*)

## Special Care Facilities

**Blossom:** Georgiana Costa, 204B; Louise Murdock, 116A  
**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; Hank Zimmerman, 270  
**Essex 3:** Ibby 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
General Fund Balance, July 31, 2012	\$11,009.48
August Revenues	\$15,689.69
August Expenses	\$22,612.45
General Fund Balance, August 31, 2012	\$ 4,086.72
Per Capita (\$30 / 2012 Goal: \$12,090)	\$ 2,490.00

## 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

Congratulations to grandparents Lee and Susan Simon on the birth of Brenden Kenneth Simon on July 27. Parents are Brett and Kristen Simon of Powell, Ohio.



Congratulations to great grandparents Dave and Barb Plummer on the birth of Peyton LeAnn Jackson on August 29. Parents are Rob and Amy Jackson of Salem.



Thank you to the congregation for the many donations toward the meal served at St. Vincent DePaul. The youth served around 55 grateful people on September 9th. Keep an eye out for a paper supply donation. The soup kitchen is in need of our help.

Kim Double, DCE

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and flowers during my surgery and recovery. I am doing well and looking forward to going back to work.

Rich Eichler

I would like to thank you for remembering me as I graduated from high school. I truly appreciate the gift and your thoughtfulness. I have family photos in the frame, and I will remember my church family when I look at it. Thanks again! Love,

Cassidy Polen

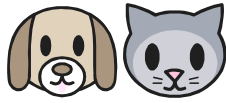
## Sunday Worship on DVD

Please notify the Church Office if you know someone who is a shut in and would like to receive DVD copies of our Sunday services, or if you want a recording of a particular service for a \$2 fee.

**Check us out on Facebook:**  
First Presbyterian Church of  
Salem, Ohio

## Message from the Pastor

For several years, I provided a "Blessing of the Animals" service on the Saturday closest to the annual commemoration of Francis of Assisi, friend of all creatures. After a brief time of Scripture reading and prayer, each animal in attendance has been individually blessed. (An opportunity for remembering pets who have passed from this life has also been offered.)



I am planning to present another such service on Saturday, October 6. This year, I am hoping to add a few other features, such as light refreshments and a short talk by a representative from a local rescue group. More details will follow in the next *Messenger*.

However in order to expand this event, I need some helpers! If you would be interested and available on the late morning or early afternoon of October 6, please speak with me or call the Church Office. Thank you!

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.

### **NEWS FROM THE ROC OF SALEM...**

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

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

## *Our Church History ...*

**From the Messenger, September 20, 1962:**

### **MEN'S COUNCIL**

**TO THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH:** Yes, you read it right the first time. It has been said that the women are the only ones who read the *Messenger*. So if that be true would the fairer sex please relay the following message to us mortals called men.

On Monday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Church the Men's Council Fall Kickoff Dinner meeting will be held. A swiss steak dinner served by the September Group of the Women's Association will be followed by a 20-minute movie entitled "The Heartland of Presbyterianism". It points out developments in the life of our church, also the pastoral ministry from pioneer circuit rider to rocket age. Mr. Milligan and Mr. Byron Maxson will share equal time on the topic "Men in Motion".

**From the Messenger, September 10, 1972:**

Because of the obvious response of the worshipping congregation throughout the summer to the coffee hours, the Session has scheduled these informal times of fellowship to continue in the fall season *between* the two worship services. The time necessarily will be restricted but we believe the benefits far outweigh the disadvantages occasioned by tighter schedules. Please note, too, that an additional ten minutes has been added to the interval between the two worship services.

**From the Messenger, September 30, 1982:**

THE SUNDAY "LUNCH BUNCH" will meet in the fellowship hall following the Service this Sunday to have dinner together at a local restaurant. Anyone wishing to join in is welcome. All it takes is your presence in the Fellowship Hall after the worship hour.

**From the Messenger, September 2, 1992:**

### **160th ANNIVERSARY of the First Presbyterian Church at Salem, Ohio**


September 27th First Presbyterian Church will be celebrating our Salem Church Heritage with a special Worship Service and Church Fair. Worship is at 10:30 a.m. and the Fair follows immediately after Worship beginning with Lunch.

The festivities will follow a 19th Century Theme and worshippers are invited to wear period costumes. Bill Weber, a Salem native, will be back to preach that day. There will be a special recognition of 50 year members, including a photograph on the church steps immediately following worship. There will be many games and activities for all ages, and a lunch of vegetable soup, hot dogs and ice cream will be served until 12:30 p.m.

# September

## Happy Birthday!

Margaret Stewart (21), Barbara Bozich (27),  
Kay Stanga (28)

- 19 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)   
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 20 / Thurs 9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH) - Th/F  
7:00 Session (107)
- 23 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
4:30 LOGOS Picnic — Doubles' home  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 24 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 26 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 27 / Thurs 9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH) - Th/F  
6:30 A.I.D. Board Meeting (107)
- 28 / Fri 5:00 Rezenom/Ebensshade Rehearsal (S)
- 29 / Sat 9:00-1:30 United Quilt Guild (FH)  
3:00 Rezenom/Ebensshade Wedding (S)
- 30 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
4:30 LOGOS (FH) — Movie Night  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3

# October

## Happy Birthday!

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

- 1 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 2 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)  
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 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),  
Mission I and S (FH), Property (107),  
Worship, Music, Arts (109)
- 6 / Sat Blessing of Animals Service
- 7 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 8 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 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 2:00 Baby Shower (FH)
- 14 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
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.\*