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9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m. Worship

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September 25 — The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 13-16; Matthew 21:28-32
Sermon: "Love Them Anyway"
Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo
Music: Haviland Choir



October 2 — World Communion Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 25:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
Sermon: "Dress Code?"
Liturgist: Helen Hayes
Music: Haviland Choir

9:45 a.m.
Dedication of
Peace / Prayer
Garden at NW
corner of our
"Big Back Yard"

Dear Friends,

On Sunday morning we heard a very thought-provoking sermon from the Rev. Ross Jackson, our former Associate Pastor, who was celebrating the 45th anniversary of his ordination. We also heard some comments about Ross' ministry from the Rev. Dan Schomer, our General Presbyter, and from Howard Rohleder, Ross' "boss" at the Hospital. (And, unless Ross is a *really* good actor, I think we managed to surprise him a bit!)

Dan spoke about the "behind-the-scenes" work that Ross does as a member of the Presbytery -- moderating Session meetings and congregational meetings (sometimes in difficult circumstances), mentoring other clergy, taking advantage of opportunities to learn and grow. Howard told us of Ross' work -- not only with families in trying situations -- but with the doctors and nurses who also need the care of the hospital chaplain.

It strikes me that in some respects, my work as your pastor bears a resemblance to Ross' work of "caring for the caregivers." You, in your daily life and work, are the disciples on the "front lines" where the gospel meets our world. You are the disciples who give immediate care to each other and to neighbors you meet. You are disciples who take your faith and calling with you everywhere you go and in everything you do. Your work may be "behind-the-scenes" but it is nevertheless the test of the church's faithfulness. As we read in the "Confession of 1967":

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity.

All of us -- pastor, Session, Deacons and congregation -- are "caregivers" one to the other when we gather to "re-group," to remember the Biblical story of which we are a part, and to offer our praise and thanksgiving to the Lord we serve. And then we "disperse" again, as disciples equipped to do our work in the world!

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Dennis Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Terry Carman (*Wavelene Arnold's brother-in-law*), 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, 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 granddaughter*), 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: Iby 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 September 4	\$ 2,673.00
Envelope Income received September 11	\$ 3,563.00
Envelope Income received September 18	\$ 4,570.00
General Fund Balance, August 31, 2011	(\$17,039.76)
Per Capita (\$29 / 2011 Goal: \$12,963)	\$ 2,449.00

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In Memoriam

Celia A. (Oertel) Ryser

Joined First Church — June 3, 1963

Died — September 18, 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 Celia Ryser, and to Dave and Becky Halverstadt and the family on the death of Dave's father, John H. Halverstadt.



Congratulations to great grandparents Karl and Marge Wright on the birth of Ryan Joseph Fieldhouse on September 2. Parents are Jeff and Jacki Fieldhouse.

Congratulations to grandparents Don and Shar Harrison and great grandparents Jesse and Berneda Fitch on the birth of Henry Jess Harrison on September 9. Parents are Jeremy and Maria (Betel) Harrison of Macedonia, Ohio.



Dear church members, Thank you for all the wonderful cards, notes, and flowers you sent to help me celebrate my 100th Birthday. I loved hearing from you.

Betty Potter



I want to thank the Deacons and church for the beautiful flowers and all the prayers on my behalf.

Ruth Gould

I want to thank all of my friends who sent me birthday and get well cards when I became ill in California. I am well and enjoying my wonderful family here in California. All my love,

Marge Broomall

Dear Meta and Friends of the Presbyterian Family, Just a brief note on behalf of my brothers and I to thank you for the many visits you have made to Mom at Blossom, for all the lovely flowers she has received from the Sunday services, and for the many cards and prayers. All of these things not only uplift her but also us. Sincerely,

The Georgiana Costa Family

Thanks to everyone at the church for making Sunday the 18th such a special and memorable one for me. Your comments, cake, and cards were and are very, very much appreciated. Many thanks to Meta and the Session for making it possible for me to be in the pulpit last Sunday, and to our General Presbyter, Dan Schomer, and to Howard Rohleder, President / CEO of Salem Community Hospital, for their gracious words and continuing friendship. Always, thanks to our Organist and Choir for their wonderful music. And thanks (I think!) to Phyllis for creating a 'one-of-a-kind' bulletin for me, so that I was completely unaware of what was to happen. I believe that she is now qualified to write a best-selling manual, "Bulletins For Dummies...".

With sincere thanks and much love,

Ross

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.

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 book-sellers. (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 last Monday afternoon, Tuesday evening, or even Sunday morning. I look forward to hearing from you.

Autumn is almost here and that means LOGOS has started! Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to come on Sundays from 4:30-6:30 in Fellowship Hall for a time of food, fellowship, lively discussions, lessons, and lots of fun! Please join us and bring a friend!



October 9 — we will be participating in the Columbian CROP Hunger Walk to help children and families worldwide.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to provide dinner for LOGOS. Thanks!

YOUR SESSION AT WORK

The Session, meeting on September 15, 2011...

- approved a number of dates for the church calendar:
October 26 — Pres-Bees "Trunk or Treat" (Pres-Bees begins on October 12).
November 6 — Soup and Dessert Luncheon, with donations being used to fill and send "care packages" to military personnel and college students
December 18 — Children's Carol presentation during worship
December 25 — Potluck Continental Breakfast
February 12, 2012 — Valentine Potluck Dinner
March 18, 2012 — Soup and Bread Luncheon
- heard that members of the congregation will be sharing personal statements of faith in worship, beginning on October 9 and continuing through November 6, and was reminded that November 13 will be Consecration Sunday.
- heard a report from John Stoffer, commissioner to the September Presbytery meeting, and elected John to be the commissioner to the November meeting.
- approved, with great regret, a transfer of membership for Bob and Sue Moore, who are moving to Exeter, California.
- agreed to contribute to an Advent devotional for the congregation's use.
- welcomed General Presbyter Dan Schomer, who shared information about the "Spiritual Strategic Journey" program being offered by Eastminster Presbytery.

Our Church History . . .

From the Messenger, September 10, 1981:

Join us for the kick off for *Junior High Fellowship*. We begin September 20th rather than Sept. 13 as had been announced. All Junior High's and their parents are invited to a *Super Weiner Roast* at John and Janie Stoffer's home (1243 Westview), September 20th at 6:00 p.m.

The Haviland Choir is not looking for singers — just people who like to sing. We especially need tenors and basses. If interested, come to rehearsal Thursday (9/17) at 7:30 p.m.

First Annual Laugh Olympics — Senior Highs are encouraged to "get in shape" for the LAUGH OLYMPICS on September 24 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Special events include Dizzy Lizzy, Sack Race, Obstacle Course, Relays, and Tricycle Race (bring a tricycle). Join us this Sunday! ...Mary McKerny



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September

Happy Birthday!


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

- 21 / Weds **8:30 am Personnel Committee (110)**
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 22 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
- 23 / Fri 5:00-10:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 24 / Sat 9:00-5:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 25 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
4:30 LOGOS (FH) 
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 26 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 28 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 29 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F

October

Happy Birthday!

Pete Johnson (2), Dick Dale (3),
Jack Hovis (8), Jean Hannay (10),
Norman Smith (17), Bill Hannay (19),
Jo Hendricks (25)

- 2 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - Communion
4:30 LOGOS (FH) 
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



- 3 / Mon 5:00 Serving Banquet of Salem
at Memorial Building
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

- 4 / Tues 9am-9:30pm United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 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 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
LOGOS: CROP Hunger Walk, 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 9:00 February Circle
9:15 March Circle (110)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

- 13 / Thurs **7:00 Finance Committee (107)**

- 14 / Fri No Preschool
Lalena Whittington / Jeffrey Klingman
Rehearsal (S)

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

- 16 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
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 **8:30 am Investment
Committee (107)**

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.*