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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, September 29 — The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Jeremiah 32:6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Luke 16:19-31
Sermon: *Investing in Hope*
Liturgist: Dave Stephens
Music: Haviland Choir

*New Member
Class
starts at
9:00 a.m.
in the
Library*

Sunday, October 6 World Communion Sunday The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Scripture: Isaiah 49:8-23
2 Timothy 2:1-14
Sermon: *The Family Table*
Liturgist: Alice Jackson
Music: Haviland Choir



Dear Friends,

World Communion Sunday is a long-cherished tradition in the Presbyterian Church. It actually seems a little quaint these days; with more Presbyterians partaking of the Lord's Supper more often, there are certainly a number of times throughout the year when Christians around the world are more or less simultaneously gathered at the Lord's Table. (The Festivals of Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost spring to mind as three of those occasions!)

Yet World Communion Sunday still has a special place on our calendar, because it invites us to remember that Christians, wherever they may live in the world, are our brothers and sisters in Christ. This day directs our hearts and our prayers toward our family members who live under persecution, in war-torn parts of the world, or in dire poverty. It's not surprising, then, that the Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering is also collected on this day.

Gifts given to the Peacemaking Offering through a congregation are divided in the following manner – 25% retained by congregations for support of their own peacemaking ministry; 25% used to support presbytery and synod peacemaking efforts; and 50% forwarded to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the Presbyterian Mission Agency so that it can continue to provide assistance and resources for congregations and other bodies of the PC(USA). Our Session has not yet made the final determination on how we at FPC will use the 25% of the Offering which will be retained here. The Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee is recommending that we use it in some way to combat the drug problem in Salem. Announcements will be made in our worship bulletins and during worship services as soon as this decision is made.



The Lord invites us to his Table on October 6.

A Peacemaking Offering envelope is included with this newsletter, and is also available in the Sanctuary Pew Racks. Our Goal is \$2,000 for this offering.

*"Many grains were gathered together to make this bread;
many grapes are mixed within this cup.
So we who are many, and come from many places, are one in Christ."* Amen!*

Blessings, Meta

**from the Iona Abbey Worship Book*

Prayer Concerns

Darla Allen (Kevin Chumney's sister), Sandra Arter, 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), Ruth Gould, 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), Susan McCullough (Susan Merry's co-worker), Helen Newman (Jim Newman's mother), Lynne Peterson, 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), Jenny Wilms, Jane Wilson, friend of Sue and Bob Merry and Cheryl and Bill McDevitt), 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 (107)
Essex III: Ibbey 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 September 1	\$ 4,813.00
Envelope Income received September 8	\$ 3,965.00
Envelope Income received September 15	\$ 3,475.00
General Fund Balance, July 31, 2013	\$ 5,544.59
August Revenues	\$14,251.59
August Expenses	\$23,134.00
General Fund Balance, August 31, 2013	(-\$3,337.82)
Peacemaking Offering (Goal — \$2,000)	\$ 70.00
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

*** Please Keep Us Informed ***

Due to strengthened privacy laws and hospital attempts to comply with these laws, it is difficult to gain access to information regarding hospital patients. Therefore, if you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like to receive a pastoral visit, please contact the Church Office with such information. This will enable us to be more effective in our ministry to you. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Two Books Mentioned in
 Rev. Ross Jackson's Sermon*

Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People, © 1997, Dorothy C. Bass, Editor, Jossey-Bass Publishers; and, *Christianity For the Rest of Us*, © 2006 by Diana Butler Bass, published by HarperCollins Publishers. Both are available in paperback.

Thank You

Many thanks to Mary Bryan for delivering the Chancel Flowers and Bob Merry for helping me get a walker after my surgery.

Sally Mason

Special thanks to Joan Ferrier for delivering the beautiful flowers.

Jim Mohr

Thank you to my church family for your thoughts, prayers, and calls when I had my surgery this summer. Also thank you to Ellen Maticik for delivering the beautiful flowers. Sincerely,

Denise Weingart

Thanks to everyone who helped make this summer's Big Back Yard a success! This summer program provided another fun weekly outreach and activity to our neighbors in the community and our church family!

Denise Weingart

A special "Shout out and Thank You" to Trey Double and Andre Tonkinson, who surprised me and volunteered to help clean up following our reception for Beth Schallick. What "wonderful youth" we have in this church! It is a joy to watch them all grow. Many thanks also go to Brenda Johnson for the delicious cake, Barb Marra for the beautiful card, and Jayne Bricker for taking pictures. Thanks for sharing your gifts.

Marcia Shepard



The Salem Community Pantry is in need of volunteers to assist recipients with their shopping and other duties around the Pantry. The Pantry is open Monday and Friday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30 and Tuesday evenings from 5:00 to 7:30. If you would like to help, please stop by or call during operating hours and talk to Pantry Supervisor, Cliff Votaw, or Monday Shift Supervisor, Nancy Nutter (or you can call Dave Stephens, 330-332-9633 or Phil Tetlow, 330-337-7052).

Also needed are plastic grocery bags. You may drop these off during operating hours. (Note – you can also place your plastic bags in the box at the north entrance of the church across from the playground.)

Always appreciated and needed are monetary donations, especially since fundraising by community organizations dwindles off in the fall and winter months. Food donations are always welcome, but one dollar can buy 10 pounds of food from Second Harvest as opposed to a single can that you may purchase at the store for that same \$1.00.

Your help with any of the above needs would be greatly appreciated!

The pantry is located at 794 East 3rd Street (corner of 3rd and Vine). Phone: 330-332-5166.

Thank you.

Pastor Alan Smearsoll,
President of the Board
Salem Community Pantry

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain of Salem First Presbyterian Church is a means by which urgent and immediate prayer requests are sent through a telephone chain. Members of the Chain are given a contact person to call and are asked to offer a prayer for each person on the prayer list at least once a day. Members of the Prayer Chain do not meet. Anyone not currently participating as a caller for the Church's Prayer Chain but who would like to join, can notify the Church Office.



Youth News

Mature adults are needed to provide the best direction and relationship building skills helping to guide our youth into Christian discipleship (Pres-Bees, LOGOS).
If interested, please call Church Office.

Sunday School:

- 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning
- Teachers are Kim Double, Julie Mackall, Cara Stephens, Jayne Bricker, and Jen Hardy
- Nursery provided during Sunday School and Worship

Pres-Bees Youth Club:

- Starts on Wednesday, October 9 at 5 p.m. for children Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5

- On Wednesday, October 30, We will have a *Noah's Ark Fall Festival* where children can dress up as their favorite animal.



We will also have a **Cake Walk** to benefit the Salem Community Pantry.

Cake Pans will be provided for you to bake your cake and can be picked up starting Sunday, September 29 in Fellowship Hall. Tickets for the Cake Walk will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. We need your cake donations! Candy donations will also be needed.

Christian Education Fundraiser:

- I know it is hard to believe the holidays are going to be here before we know it. I am looking for help preparing and putting together a Holiday Bake Sale for Sunday, December 15.



If you are interested in helping provide a *yummy* holiday treat, pie, cookies, cake, etc., please contact Kim Double, 234-567-1752.

LOGOS:

- Will be starting soon for youth in Grades 6-12
- Watch for Details!

Next Newsletter — October 8

Articles due in Church Office by
Friday, October 4

If you want to receive the newsletter via e-mail,
write phyllis@fpcsaalem.org.

September

Happy Birthday!
Barbara Bozich (27), Kay Stanga (28)

- 25 / Weds 7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 26 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107)**
- 29 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I 10)
9:00 New Member Class (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 30 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

October


Happy Birthday!
Dick Dale (3), Ann Topie (7), Jack Hovis (8),
Jean Hannay (10), Mary Lepping (15),
Norman Smith (17), Bill Hannay (19), Jo Hendricks (25),
Stella Dominic (26), Shirley Benson (30)

- 1 / Tues 9:30-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 2 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) -
Program — *Circus Story with Jan Bethel*
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 3 / Thurs 7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (I 10)
**7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),
Mission I and S (FH), Property (107),
Worship (109)**
- 4 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)
Elizabeth McDevitt/Michael Woods
Wedding Rehearsal (S)
- 5 / Sat 4:30 Elizabeth McDevitt/Michael Woods
Wedding (S)

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!**

- 6 / Sun  9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I 10)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Sacrament of Lord's Supper*
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 7 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 8 / Tues 9:00-4:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
12:00 November Circle (Annabell's)
- 9 / Weds 9:15 February Circle (Salem Hills)
9:30 March Circle (I 10)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 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)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 14 / Mon Preschool Pictures (107)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 15 / Tues Preschool Pictures (107)
- 16 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 17 / Thurs **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)
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 Men's Bible Study (I 10)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Worship Schedule on TV

Sunday — 1 & 9 am / Monday — 1 am
Tuesday — 3 am, 12 & 4 pm / Wednesday — 1 am, 4 & 9 pm
Friday — 1 am / Saturday — 3 am, 12 & 4 pm
Cable TV Channel 9 / Schedule Subject to Change