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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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9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall  
"The Olympics" -  
for the Whole Family



*Sunday School Start-up*

**Sunday, September 9**  
*The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Scripture: Psalm 89:24-37; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56; Ephesians 2:11-22  
Sermon: "When Faith Meets Faith" - The Rev. Ray Banner, preaching  
Liturgist: Janet Chumney and Cole Chumney  
Music: Haviland Choir

*Presentation of  
Third Grade Bibles*



**Sunday, September 16**  
*The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Scripture: Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 116:1-9; Mark 8:27-38  
Sermon: "Life Redefined"  
Liturgist: Carol Dougherty  
Music: Haviland Choir

Dear Friends,

Next Sunday is known as "Rally Day," a longstanding term in the history of the Sunday School movement. The following excerpt from an on-line article by Timothy Larsen is consistent with what I learned in seminary. It's probably surprising to most of us to learn that "Sunday School" is a fairly recent development in Christianity:

It is important to realize that Sunday schools were originally literally schools: they were places where poor children could learn to read. The Sunday school movement began in Britain in the 1780s. The Industrial Revolution had resulted in many children spending all week long working in factories. Christian philanthropists wanted to free these children from a life of illiteracy... Saturday was part of the regular work week. Sunday, therefore, was the only available time for these children to gain some education.

[The movement] soon spread to America as well... Within decades, the movement had become extremely popular. By the mid-19th century, Sunday school attendance was a near universal aspect of childhood. Even parents who did not regularly attend church themselves generally insisted that their children go to Sunday school.

Religious education was, of course, always also a core component. The Bible was the textbook used for learning to read. Likewise, many children learned to write by copying out passages from the Scriptures. A basic catechism was also taught, as were spiritual practices such as prayer and hymn-singing. Inculcating Christian morality and virtues was another goal of the movement.

Our Sunday School program is only one aspect of the Christian Education offered here at First Presbyterian Church. Soon the PresBees and LOGOS programs will also be gearing up for the academic year. These ministries to our children and youth not only help them learn the stories of our faith, but they help the younger members of our church family develop hearts for serving others. I can think of no better way to "kick off" the Sunday School year than with the plans to prepare and serve a meal at the St. Vincent de Paul mission in Youngstown. Please support our young people in this significant act of service.

*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), Rev. Meta Cramer, 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, Louise Murdock, Bill Phillips (Joyce Smith's son-in-law), Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Colleen Schneider (friend of Janet Chumney and Jody Grubb), Gene Shafer, Roland and Mary Smith (Susan Smith's parents), Ann Theil, Scott Theil (Ann Theil's son), Lucy Works, Alexis Wright (Jesse and Rochelle Wright's daughter)

## Special Care Facilities

**Blossom:** Georgiana Costa, 204B  
**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

## 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

† In Memoriam †  
Marjorie Broomall

Joined First Church  
March 25, 1945

Died  
August 21, 2012

† In Memoriam †  
Jean H. Martsof

Joined First Church  
January 23, 1997

Died  
August 24, 2012

"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

† † † †

The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to the family of Marjorie Broomall, and to John Martsof and the family on the death of his wife, Jean Martsof.



I would like to say "thanks" to Meta for her nice visit. I also want to "thank" Ellen and Frank Maticsik for delivering the flowers to me. Everything means so much to me. I received many phone calls making sure I was all right. Thank you so very much for your kindness and keeping me in your prayers.

Rose Marie Crookston

No restrictions! I'm back into my routine again! I'd like to thank all the many people who drove me or offered to drive me to appointments, meetings, church, and the store. It made my confinement bearable.

Ann Topie

Wow! What a 50th! We would like to thank everyone in our church family who sent such beautiful cards and notes, who helped Marilyn with food and for those who were able to attend our celebration. It was great!

Blessings,  
Dick and Carol Dougherty  
and Family

Thank you so very much for your \$220 donation for our annual Children's Back-to-School Clothing Voucher Program (includes shoes). At the present time, we have issued over 415 vouchers. May God bless you for your generosity!

Church Women United of Salem

A late "thank you" for those who sent me birthday cards.

Jean Leimbach



Congratulations to grandparents Bud and Judy Herron and great grandmother Lois Herron on the birth of Lillian Marie Herron on August 20. Parents are Gregg and Bethany Herron of Columbus.

## Mission Project Donation Request

Serving Meal at St. Vincent DePaul on  
Sunday, September 9

Ground Beef (20 lbs); Manwich Mix (3-5 lb cans)  
Boxed Au Gratin Potatoes (20 boxes)  
Green Beans, cut (4-5 lb cans)  
Salad Mix (25 bags)  
Ranch Dressing (3 large bottles)  
Italian Dressing (3 large bottles)  
Buns (150)  
Desserts:  
(40 cupcakes, 2 pans brownies, 6 dozen cookies)  
Milk (1 gallon); Butter (1 lb); Lemonade (6 gallons)  
Plastic Silverware; Napkins



Grades 3 & up will be preparing food during Sunday School on September 9. Please place items in the large box on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

## 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.



Habitat for Humanity of Northern Columbiana County invites you to 2 special events.

**Sunday, September 9** — Join HFH in welcoming visiting builders, the Koinonia Mission Company at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dish to share!



**Tuesday, September 11** — HFH will be sponsoring a special 9/11 build at 317 E. 4th St. in Salem. Volunteer from 8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be served on site to both shifts of volunteers. No experience necessary. Call the Habitat office at 330-337-1003 to RSVP.



## YOUR SESSION AT WORK

The Session of First Presbyterian Church,  
meeting on August 23, 2012...

- reflected on ways in which our Elders had seen God at work in everyday life over the summer
- recorded the Baptism of Ella Jean LaRue on August 5
- approved a number of building requests
- gave Rev. Meta Cramer permission to pursue a "Blessing of the Animals" service on October 6
- heard a request from the Finance and Administration Committee that committee moderators take note of committee expenditures if line items are exceeding budgeted amounts
- referred a suggestion regarding the Prayer/Peace Garden to the Garden Committee
- accepted with regret the resignation from the Session of Elder Corey Kuhns, who has been offered employment as a police officer in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

## Our Church History ...

**From the Messenger, September 28, 1952:**

**MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTIONS** — September is the month when the yearly subscriptions for "The Messenger" are due. Attached to this issue is an envelope for your convenience. It is hoped that as many as can will give \$1.00 for the subscription, as we do not meet the expense of the paper from subscriptions by a considerable sum.

**From the Messenger, September 2, 1982:**

**REPORTING TO YOU** — At the Congregational Meeting held at 10:30 a.m. August 29, 1982 in the Sanctuary; the Rev. J. Nicholas Mager of McKeesport, PA was unanimously elected by the congregation of the First United Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio to serve as pastor. Rev. Mager's name will be submitted to Eastminster Presbytery by the Pastor Nominating Committee chairman, David Van Sickle for their approval.

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

**COME ON BACK! WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!**

Have you been away from your church during the Summer months? Vacationing? Weekend trips? Golfing? Boating? Service too early? Weather too hot? Don't like singing "old favorite" hymns? Breakfast at Wimbledon? Driving around trying to find a Sunday Pittsburgh Press? — well — whatever the reason, we want you to come on back! and come back soon! With many schools already in session, this Sunday would be a good Sunday to get back in the church habit...9:30 a.m. Worship and 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour.

# September

## Happy Birthday!

Gene Shafer (15), Bruno Stanga (17),  
Margaret Stewart (21), Barbara Bozich (27),  
Kay Stanga (28)

5 / Weds



12:00 Daytimers (FH)  
Program: *The Banquet of Salem* with  
Rev. Connie Sassanella, Bev Henderson  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)



6 / Thurs

6:45 Preschool Orientation  
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)

9 / Sun



9:00 Sunday School (FH) —  
*The Olympics for the Whole Family!*  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) — Rev. Ray Banner  
7:00 “Welcome Back” Picnic for Koinonia  
Mission Company, a Presbyterian mission  
Group from New York for Habitat for  
Humanity (FH) - *Bring Covered Dish*

10 / Mon

Preschool Visitation  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Congregational Care (107)**

11 / Tues

Preschool Visitation / 5 Day starts  
12:00 November Circle:  
Dutch Haus Restaurant — *Carpooling from  
church parking lot near Kitchen entrance at  
11:30*  
6:00 Eastminster Presbytery meeting at  
First Presbyterian Church in Hubbard

12 / Weds

Preschool 3 Day starts  
9:00 February Circle  
9:15 March Circle (110)  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

13 / Thurs



Preschool 2 Day starts  
9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH) — Th/F  
**7:00 Committee Night**  
**Christian Education (106)**  
**Finance and Administration (110)**  
**Mission I and S (FH)**  
**Property and Maintenance (107)**  
**Worship, Music, and the Arts (109)**

16 / Sun



9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
**9:30 Birthday Celebration for  
Bruno and Kay Stanga (FH)**  
10:30 Worship (S) — *Presentation of  
Third Grade Bibles*  
11:30 Christmas Program Meeting (107)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

17 / Mon

6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

18 / Tues

9:00-5:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)

19 / Weds

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

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 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

24 / Mon

6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

26 / Weds

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

27 / Thurs

9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH)  
6:30 A.I.D. Board Meeting (107)

28 / Fri

Rezenom/Esbensshade Rehearsal

29 / Sat

9:00-1:30 United Quilt Guild (FH)  
2:30 Rezenom/Esbensshade Wedding (S)

30 / Sun

9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3

## 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.\*