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The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School for all Ages
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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Sunday, September 11 —
The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
RALLY DAY — “I Love to Tell the Story”



Scripture: Psalm 14, I Timothy 1:12-17,
Luke 15:1-10
Sermon: “Lost and Found” -
The Rev. Dr. Dan Schomer, Guest Preacher
Liturgist: Ken Double
Music: Haviland Choir

Sunday, September 18 —
The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Deuteronomy 15:7-11
Psalm 113:1-7
Luke 16:1-13
Sermon: “Say What?”
Liturgist: Diane Nichols
Music: Haviland Choir



Dear Friends,

As you receive this edition of the *Messenger*, I will be on vacation. I hope that you had a refreshing Labor Day weekend! Many thanks to Ruth Gerrard Cole for preaching this past Sunday. I will be back in the office on September 12.

The Rev. Dr. Dan Schomer will be our guest preacher on September 11. Dan was for many years the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbiana, and had served for more than a decade as Eastminster Presbytery’s General Presbyter, a position from which he retired two years ago. Please welcome Dan to our pulpit.

September 11 is also Rally Day as our children and youth reassemble for another year of Christian Education and prepare a meal for The Banquet in Salem. What a great reminder that we are called to be willing and joyful servants! Thanks also to those of you who have volunteered to help them with serving The Banquet on Monday, September 12. It is hard to imagine a better example of Christian discipleship. In fact, it is hard to imagine a better glimpse of the Kingdom!

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Denny Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Paul Bailey, Eddie Broome (*Sally Collins' brother-in-law*), Sandy Byers (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Linda Crawford, Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Nova Eichler, Liz Escobar, Brenda Farley (*Ethel Clark's daughter*), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Rev. Dick Ferris, Berneda Fitch, Lynden and Mary Lou Gamble, Pat Garick, Dwight Guthrie (*Meta Cramer's cousin*), Richard Hack (*Kathie Baker's nephew*), Charles Hamilton (*Rich and Pat Eichler's nephew*), Al Hays (*Susan Merry's brother*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Jim Hollinger, Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Angela Karmazin, Sue Kyser (*had back surgery*), Hannah Lanza-Roth (*granddaughter of Cheryl and Gary Kekel*), Adrienne Leiendecker (*Dick and Eileen Shanker's neighbor's daughter*), Brenda Lipp, Russell Loudon, Larry Lozier, Anne Lutz (*Jan Jones' friend*), John Martsof, Sally Mason (*had knee surgery*), Don Palmer (*Rich Eichler's uncle*), Lynne Peterson, Gary Prior (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), John (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Clarence and Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's parents*), Dale Riley (*Stated Clerk of Eastminster Presbytery*), Steve Rozeski (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Connie Bowman Rowe (*Helen Hayes' friend*), Terry Rufer (*had knee surgery*), Larry Sanor (*Beverly Mosher's neighbor*), Gene Shafer, Tom Shafer and Carol Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's husband, mother*), Lorin Shepard, David Stephens, Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's daughter*), Angie Mohr Urban, Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Lauren Work (*Paul and Fredda Work's daughter-in-law*), Ruth Wright (*Ann Sandrock's friend*)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: MaryLou Timmins
Birchaven Village: Jean Leimbach, 124; 15100 Birchaven Ln, Findlay OH 45840
Blossom: Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's mother*)
Brookdale Salem: Pat Butler, 502; Dorothy Gibson, 303

Envelope Income received August 7, 2016	\$ 2,801.50
Envelope Income received August 14, 2016	\$ 1,902.50
Envelope Income received August 21, 2016	\$ 3,080.00
Envelope Income received August 28, 2016	\$ 3,311.00
General Fund Balance, July 31, 2016	\$ 4,972.72
Louisiana Flooding Relief	\$ 100.00
Per Capita (\$32.15 per Active Member)	\$ 1,895.80

Brookdale Austintown: Henry and Dottie Zimmerman; 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd 44515
Courtyard: Janice Olmstead, 301
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251
Inn at Ironwood: Norman and Jeanne Smith, 106; 6699 Ironwood Blvd, Canfield OH 44406
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221; Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Lake Vista at Cortland: Margaret Sheets, Apt 105; 303 North Mecca St, Cortland OH 44410; 330-638-9125
Village at Westerville: Bruno and Kay Stanga; 215 Huber Village Blvd, C100, Westerville OH 43081; 614-948-3295
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601
Whispering Pines: Rolin Herron, 126; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Congratulations to grandparents Tom and Marilyn Mercer on the birth of Claire Elizabeth Mercer on August 31. Parents are Andrew and Kathryn Mercer.



Bell Basics is Back!

If you would like to learn more about the skills involved in ringing handbells, please contact Cheryl McDevitt to arrange a mutually agreeable time for an individual lesson, or two or three! There are no vacancies in the Carillon Ringers at this time, but if you have always wondered about the bells, here's a chance to learn more about them. Email Cheryl at CherMcD@aol.com or call her at home, 330-332-0610, if interested.

Soup to Go Project

The Congregational Care Committee is looking for Crew leaders for another year of "Soup to Go". We have had some amazing soups made over the past few years. If you have a great soup recipe, please consider sharing it through "Soup to Go". Contact Carol Ricciardi to get on the schedule.



DiscipleFest 2016

Saturday, October 22

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Akron

DiscipleFest 2016 intends to provide equipment to be a more faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Prompted by the Holy Spirit to examine our thoughts, words and action, we offer opportunities to learn, share, serve and grow by considering: prayer, Scripture study, missions, intergenerational ministry, how we use our money, spiritual formation, how churches work in real life, and caring for God's world. Cost is \$15 per person through Thursday, October 13. After October 13 and day of event, cost is \$25. A list of workshops will be included in the next newsletter.

There will be NO meeting of the November Circle in September.

LOUISIANA FLOODING

All of us have been hearing about the horrific flooding taking place in Louisiana. We've received word from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance that Fund DR000191 has been established and dedicated to relief efforts in this particular disaster. If you wish to donate through this Church, your contributions will be forwarded appropriately.

Recycling Notes

Here are some suggestions I presented at Denise's Big Backyard on ways to that we can reduce the amount of waste that we produce. I encourage you to make every effort to try to find some that you can incorporate in your daily life.



- PLEASE use reusable water bottles instead of buying bottled water.
- Get yourself a nice reusable coffee mug rather than taking foam cups at the coffee shops.
- When shopping for produce, don't take plastic bags for single items i.e. cucumbers, avocados, peppers etc.
- When shopping, if you are only getting 1 or 2 items, tell the clerk you don't need a bag.
- When eating out, take your own container from home for your leftovers. And instead of taking a Styrofoam container, ask to have a piece of foil for your sandwich, pizza slice etc.
- When entertaining, use real glasses and dishes rather than plastic or paper.
- Maybe you could use real table cloths rather than the cheap plastic throwaway ones.
- Don't throw away those yogurt, sour cream, cottage cheese containers. They are great to use for leftovers and then you don't need to use plastic wrap. Even jelly jars, pickle jars, or even canning jars are great for leftovers in the fridge. (And they are better for you than the plastic.)
- Don't throw away spiral notebooks if there are still pages left in them. Even a few pages are good for shopping lists or to do lists.
- If you are a K-Cup user, buy a reusable pod.
- Cut down on the amount of junk mail you get and reduce waste of paper by sending a letter requesting that you be taken off the distribution list (address below).

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The Christian Education Committee is currently looking for individuals who may wish to serve as a Substitute Teacher during the 2016-2017 Sunday School year, which runs from 9/11/16 through the middle of May. We have two teachers, Julie Mackall and Cara Stephens, for our Preschool through 5th Grade, and one, Kim Double, for our Junior and Senior High group. It is rare that all three of us would be unable to attend on a Sunday, but we have had several occasions where two of us have been unable to be here. It is for this reason that we think having a list of individuals willing to fill in would be very helpful and would insure that Sunday School can still be held. Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. with prayer in Fellowship Hall, followed by our lesson until 10:00 a.m. The curriculum we use is easy to follow and requires very little preparation. Additionally, other than in the case of sudden illness for two or more of us, we would be able to give plenty of notice to the person being asked to fill in. If this is something you are willing to consider, please contact Kim Double, Cara Stephens, or Phyllis at the Church Office.

Youth News

Sunday School:

9:15 a.m. — Gathering Time / 9:30-10:15 a.m. — Classes
Nursery provided during Sunday School and Worship

September 11 — Rally Day (Fellowship Hall)

"I Love to Tell the Story" - Children will share their favorite Bible Story with the group.



Acolytes: The Worship, Music, and the Arts Committee is looking for young people Grade 3 and older to serve as Acolytes for Worship. Training will be held on Sunday, September 18 at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Call the Church Office if interested, 330-337-9555.

LOGOS:

September 12 - Serving at The Banquet in Salem

We will need some cooks available earlier in the day to be at the Memorial Building preparing the mashed potatoes (instant), corn and gravy. At approximately 2:30, some volunteers are needed to put together PB&J sandwiches. Dish-washer volunteers are also needed. Many of our youth will be there to serve and help, but will be late or leaving early due to ports. Wish List of items to help offset the cost:

- Creamy Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, White Bread
- Cut Veggies — Carrots, Celery, Black/Green Olives, Cucumbers, Broccoli
- Fresh Fruit — Apples, Bananas, Oranges
- Vanilla Ice Cream, Chocolate Syrup, Strawberries

September 18 — Youth in Grades 6-12 / Sundays

LOGOS Multi Colored Creation Kick Off


5:00-6:30 p.m. / Bring a Plain White T-Shirt and a Friend!

*Following our gathering, at 6:45 we will have a *Parent Meeting* for our Confirmands - Trey Double, Andre Tonkinson, Kirill Tonkinson, Alyssa Bricker, Noah Cannon, Campbell Mickey.

September

Birthdays

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


- 7 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - Program by
John Barnett, *Civil War Historian*
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 8 / Thurs **7:00 Finance/Administration (107)**
- 11 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School **Rally Day** (FH)
Theme - "I Love to Tell the Story"
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship -
The Rev. Dr. Dan Schomer, *Guest Preacher*
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
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- 12 / Mon Preschool Visitation - M/Tu
5:00 LOGOS serving The Banquet in Salem
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
6:45 Board of Deacons (107)
7:30 Congregational Care (107)
- 14 / Weds Preschool Day I - M/W/F
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 15 / Thurs Preschool Day I - Tu/Th
7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)
- 16 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)
- 18 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Acolyte Training (S)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
5:00-6:30 LOGOS Multi **Colored** Creation
Kick Off (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 19 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 21 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

- 25 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - *Grade 3 Bibles*
5:00 LOGOS (107)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)
- 26 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 28 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 30 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)

October

Birthdays

Mary Bryan (2), Rose Marie Crookston (4), Ann Topie (7),
Jean Hannay (10), Mary Lepping (15), Norman Smith (17),
Bill Hannay (19), Shirley Benson (30)

- 2 / World 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
Communion 9:15 Sunday School (FH); *Classes start at 9:30*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship -
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
2:00-4:00 Baby Shower (FH)
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
5:00 LOGOS (107)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
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- Sunday
- 3 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 4 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 5 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - *Teapots by Jenny Wilms*
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 6 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night (S), then
CE (106), Mission I and S (FH),
Property (107), Worship (109)**



Salem Community Pantry

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

ITEMS NEEDED:

Peanut Butter, Plastic Grocery Bags
Place items at north entrance.

Worship Schedule on Cable TV Channel 9*

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

Schedule Subject to Change / *[Must have Digital Box to View.](#)