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The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School - *Classes at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

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September 14 —
The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
Rally Day — *Gather at 9:15 a.m.*
Sunday School Classes, 9:30 — 10:15 a.m.



Scripture: Psalm 103:6-14
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35
Sermon: "An Imitation of God"
Liturgist: Carol Dougherty
Music: Haviland Choir — "River In Judea"

September 21 —
The 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Presentation of Third Grade Bibles



Scripture: Exodus 16:2-7, 13-21
Psalm 145:1-8
Matthew 20:1-16
Sermon: "Keeping Score"
Liturgist: Julie Mackall
Music: Haviland Choir — "In the Garden"

Dear Friends,

Yesterday in worship we talked about God's wonderful provision for us in giving us abundant food from a good creation. It is so gratifying that this congregation is involved in God's work of feeding people in so many ways. On Sunday, September 14, our Sunday School students will prepare and serve a meal at St. Vincent DePaul mission in downtown Youngstown. They will share this experience with us the following Sunday. You will read in this *Messenger* about our Soup-to-Go project, which resumes on the last weekend of this month. Of course these means of providing food are in addition to our ongoing support of the Salem Community Pantry and of the Banquet in Salem (at which our youth have also served!).

Before the worship service yesterday, a dozen of us met for conversation with the Rev. Dr. Dan Schomer, our General Presbyter. (Dan is retiring at the end of the month, so we are especially appreciative that he took time with us before his service to Eastminster Presbytery ends.) The impetus for this conversation came from concern expressed by some of you about two actions of the 221st General Assembly in June: (1) a very narrow vote asking the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to divest from three companies doing business with Israel, and (2) a proposed amendment to our Constitution that would allow for same-gender marriage *at the discretion of the pastor and the Session* of any given congregation. Dan was an observer at the Assembly and was gracious enough to share his observations with us.

The vote concerning divestment is a "done deal," although there is some question as to whether said divestment actually can and will happen. The amendment on marriage, however, must still be voted on by the Presbyteries. (*The General Assembly did issue an "Authoritative Interpretation," that pastors in states where same-gender marriage is legal will not be prosecuted for performing such ceremonies within our Church's judicial system.*) Because the fate of the amendment regarding marriage has not yet been decided, we are being urged to study this issue within congregations. I am very willing to lead a study of marriage -- not to advocate any particular position -- but to explore relevant Biblical texts. Please be in touch with me or the Church Office if you have interest in such a study.

Do enjoy the abundant joys of this season!

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Darla Allen (*Kevin Chumney's sister*), Wavelene Arnold, Marianne Barr (*Debbie Blair's mother*), Abi and Dan Cotter's granddaughters — Avery, Alex, and Olivia; Audrey Crawford (*Linda Crawford's sister in law*), Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Lori Dunn (*Penny Lippiatt's friend*), Alex Evans (*Lucy Works' friend*), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Berneda Fitch, Debbie Goulish (*Meta Cramer's friend*), Melissa Griffith (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Bill Hannay, Helen Hayes, Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Rolin Herron, Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Sue Kyser, Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (*Phil Tetlow's cousins*), Tim Loudon (*Barb Loudon's husband*), Jocelyn Mader, Susan McCullough (*Susan Merry's co-worker*), Ben Miller (*Lauren Arnold's friend*), Dolly Millikin, Sam Pridon, Tracy Rees (*Penny Judge's daughter*), Bob Roberts, Jr., Scot and Rory Robertson (*son and daughter in law of the late Eleanor Robertson*), Marie Robinson (*Kim Double's mother*), Dr. Marilyn Roderick (*Juanita Latham's daughter*), Gene Shafer, Julie Smith (*Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law*), Bob Stroble (*Member of Eastminster Presbytery Committee on Ministry*), Lana Tonkinson, Nelson Works (*Lucy Works' brother*)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum
Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's mother*)
Century House: Helen Newman (*Jim Newman's mother*)
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109
Crandall: Sally Darling; Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*)
Essex III: Ibby Dales, 211
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Sterling House: Dorothy Gibson, 303
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601
Whispering Pines: Rolin Herron, 146; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

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| Envelope Income received September 7, 2014 | \$ 4,566.00 |
| General Fund Balance, July 31, 2014 | (-\$11,236.06) |
| August Revenues | \$21,459.43 |
| August Transfers In | \$11,883.33 |
| August Expenses | \$25,381.96 |
| General Fund Balance, August 31, 2014 | (-\$3,275.26) |
| Apostles Build (Goal: \$5,000) | \$ 5,534.56 |
| Per Capita (\$32/2014 Goal: \$11,104) | \$ 2,784.00 |
| Refugee Emergencies | \$ 100.00 |
| 2¢ a Meal for Hunger | \$ 22.50 |

Military

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In Memoriam
 Lois Elizabeth (Dilworth) Herron

United with First Church
 March 19, 1929

Died
 August 26, 2014

"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 Gail (Bud) and Judy Herron and the family on the death of his mother, Lois Herron.

Open Dates for Bulletins:

September 14, 21, October 5, 12, 19, 26, December 7, 21, 28; cost is \$15 a Sunday

Open Dates for Chancel Flowers:

September 21, October 26 (1), November 30 (1); cost is \$10 a vase

Thank You

Thank you to all the wonderful people at our beautiful church for their visits and cards, to Meta for her visits, and to Mo Hofmeister for delivering the lovely chancel flowers. I'll see you all soon.

Helen Hayes

Thank you for the lovely flowers delivered by Ellen Maticcik. I am very grateful and doing well.

Bill Rousseau

My family and I would like to sincerely thank everyone at First Presbyterian who offered help, kind words, and prayers during our father's illness and recent death. We were, and continue to be, comforted by the thoughtfulness of my church family.

Susan Smith

* 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.

“Soup to Go” Project

On Sunday, September 28, we will offer our first home made “Soup to Go” soup for sale in the church kitchen immediately following worship. This month’s soup will be *Pasta Fagioli* (Italian sausage, beans and veggies in a rich tomato broth) selling for \$5 per quart. Anyone interested in helping prepare the soup on Saturday, September 27 should contact Penny Lippiatt, Carol Ricciardi, or the Church Office. This soup is better with fresh tomatoes so anyone with a surplus may bring tomatoes to the church on Sunday, September 14 or 21. Barb Yonker will make them into sauce for the soup.



- Thursday, September 11 — National Day of Service and Remembrance honoring Veterans and Remembering 9/11. Our hopes are to have as many veterans and members of the community participate in bringing awareness to this day. As an affiliate, we are currently in the process of building two homes in Salem, Ohio, and it is our goal to work on both homes that day. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. at the Apostles Build home at 223 W. Pershing St., followed by devotionals at 8:45 a.m. Building will be from 9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided at 12 Noon. If you are interested in participating, or would like more details, please contact Alli Ward at the office, 330-337-1003, or directly email her at volunteerhabitatncc@gmail.com.
- Re-Store: Customer Appreciation Day and Electronic Recycling Drive this Saturday, September 13 from 9:00-4:00. The Re-Store is located at 1965 N. Ellsworth Ave.
- Saturday, October 25 — “Fright Flight” Annual 5K Run/2 Mile Walk at 9:00 a.m. Entry Fee is \$15 if pre-registered by October 15, \$18 if late registration or day of race. *The office must receive your entry form by October 15 to 468 Prospect St., Salem OH 44460 to guarantee a T-Shirt.* Race Day Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at Centennial Park Pavilion #1 on E. Pershing St. Costumes encouraged but not required. Refreshments will be available after the race.



Plastic Bags are needed at the Salem Community Pantry. Please drop off at the north entrance in the large box. Thank you!

Youth News

Sunday School:

9:15 a.m. — Gathering Time
9:30-10:15 a.m. — Classes

- September 14 — Rally Day
- Teachers: Kim Double, Julie Mackall, Cara Stephens
- Nursery provided during Sunday School and Worship
- 3rd Grade Bibles presented during Worship on Sunday, September 21

**Youth Serving Meal at St. Vincent DePaul **
Next Sunday, September 14

We will be preparing food during Sunday School on September 14 to be served at St. Vincent DePaul later that day. Items needed are listed below and should be placed in the large box on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Ground Beef (10 lbs)
Manwich Mix (3-5 lb cans)
Boxed Au Gratin Potatoes (19 boxes)
Green Beans, cut (4-5 lb cans)
Salad Mix (25 bags)
Ranch Dressing (2 large bottles)
Italian Dressing (3 large bottles)
Buns (150)
Milk (1 gallon), Butter (1 lb), Lemonade (6 gallons)
Plastic Silverware
Desserts: 40 cupcakes, 2 pans brownies, 6 dozen cookies



Pres-Bees Youth Club:

Children Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5
Wednesdays, 5:00-6:45 p.m. / Choir, Lesson, Craft, Dinner

October 15 First Gathering
October 22 Regular Gathering
October 29 Fall Festival — Trunk or Treat Games and Costume Judging

LOGOS:

Youth in Grades 6-12
Sundays, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

September 28 Kick Off Party in Fellowship Hall
“Minute to Win It”
Join us for games, fun, and fellowship!

October 5 Regular LOGOS
October 12 Joyce Minamy: ITEXT and other fundraising discussion
October 19 Regular LOGOS



September

Happy Birthday!

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

9 / Tues 5:00 Eastminster Presbytery at North
Benton PC; 7:45 — Retirement Celebration
for General Presbyter Dan Schomer

10 / Weds 1st Day of Preschool for M/W/F
* Church Office will close at 3:30 *
6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

11 / Thurs 1st Day of Preschool for T/Th
7:00 Finance and Administration (110)

12 / Fri 9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH)

14 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Rally Day: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
4:30 Serving Meal at St. Vincent DePaul



15 / Mon 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

17 / Weds 6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

18 / Thurs 9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
7:00 Session (107)

19 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)

20 / Sat **9:00 Kitchen Clean Up Day**



21 / 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 Worship (S) - 3rd Grade Bibles
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
6:00 Boy Scout Court of Honor (FH)

22 / Mon 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

24 / Weds 6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

25 / Thurs 9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH)

26 / Fri 9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH)

27 / Sat 9-3 Stack & Whack Quilt Workshop (FH)

28 / 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 Worship (S)
4:30 LOGOS Kick Off Party (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

29 / Mon 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

30 / Tues 12:00 Eastminster Presbytery South Area
Committee on Ministry (110)
6:00 April Circle (Angenetta's in Canfield;
RSVP Carol Ricciardi)

October

Happy Birthday!

Mary Bryan (2), Ann Topie (7), Jack Hovis (8),
Jean Hannay (10), Mary Lepping (15),
Norman Smith (17), Bill Hannay (19),
Shirley Benson (30)

1 / Weds **12:00 Daytimers (FH)**
Program: *Jenny Wilms — "Just another
Oxymoron: Non Cooks Cookbook Collection"*
6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

2 / Tues 9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH)
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
**7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),
Mission I & S (FH), Property (107),
Worship (109)**

3 / Fri 9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH)
9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)

4 / Sat 10:00-12:00 American Red Cross (FH)
Adult & Pediatric FA/CPR/AED Training

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 on cart at north entrance.**

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