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The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor

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

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September 27 — 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: "God Works in Anonymous Ways"
Scriptures: Esther 7:1-10, Psalm 124, Mark 9:38-40
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Sue Skiba

John Calvin's
Life and Legacy
9:00 a.m.
Church Library
Room 107
(5 week class)



October 4 — 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Communion Sunday / Baptism of Luke Bradley Stephens

Sermon: "Signed, Sealed, and Delivered"
Scriptures: Psalm 65:5-13, Mark 10:13-16
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Marcia Shepard



Dear Friends,

Many, *many*, thanks to all of you who worked to make my service of installation as your pastor so wonderful. I hesitate to name names, because I will probably leave someone out, but it would be worse if I didn't even try. So. . . Thanks to the commission which installed me on behalf of Eastminster Presbytery: our general presbyter Dan Schomer; the Rev. Scott Parker, Presbytery Moderator; Elders Peggy Richmond, Carole Rummell, and Brad Stephens; and "corresponding" member, the Rev. Steve Cramer. Thanks to our wonderfully talented musicians for making the service "cook": John Krauss, Nancy McNeal, Jayne Bricker, Gary and Cheryl Kelkel, and each and every member of the Haviland Choir. You rock! Thanks to the Congregational Care Committee and all their "helpers" who, under the leadership of Elder Wavelene Arnold, provided such an elegant and yummy reception. Thanks to Phyllis Garlock for the extra work involved in making an extra set of bulletins, to the ushers who ushered for an extra service, and on and on. And, thanks to all who came to worship – some of you for a second time in one day.

We heard Dan Schomer describe a faithful ministry in which we think more of the needs of others than of our needs as an "institution." We heard him compare the work of the church to the ministry of The Banquet of Salem, where God's abundant gifts are available to all. We heard him say that JOY is the most basic response of a Christian to God's gift of Jesus Christ. We heard Dan challenge us to be a congregation even more joyful, more hospitable, and more loving than we currently are. This is a challenge we can meet with God's help; it is a challenge we will meet by God's grace working in us!

This day I am, above all, thankful to our gracious and sovereign God for granting me the privilege of serving this church and this community. And I am, of course, immensely grateful to this congregation for entrusting me with the role of pastor. "Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen" (*Ephesians 3:20-21*)!

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Elvira Bass (*Mary Frances Breit's sister*), Ellen Becker (*family friends of Bob and Sue Merry*), Warren and Barbara Bettis, Dick Bryan, Hayden Johnson, www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden, Tink Layden, Joe Lippiatt (*Sue Sinclair's brother and Penny Lippiatt's nephew*), Bill McDevitt, Nancy Mickey (*Bill Mickey's stepmother*), Rev. Tom Niccolls, Lorin Shepard, Jeanne Smith (*Mickey Buck's mother*), Tom Smith, Verna Stevens, Aniya Woodruff (*great granddaughter of Richard and Eileen Shanker*)

Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Tony Dominic, 116 (*Stella Dominic's husband*), Evelyn Eichler, 112 (*Rich Eichler's mother*)
Briarwood: Norman Pim, 601 (3700 Englewood Dr., Stow OH 44224)
Brunswick Cove: Ruth Walton (*Phyllis Garlock's mother in North Carolina*)
Courtyard: Bill Davis; Phyllis Lamb, 109, Betty Potter, 202 (*Helen Hayes' mother*)
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*); Virginia Stanley (*Judi Bender's mother*)
Essex I: Jean Pridon, 118B (*Sam Pridon's wife*), Juanita Starbuck, 105 (*Ray Starbuck's wife*)
Essex III: Ibbey Dales, 211
Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234
Laurels of Norworth: Dick Ahead, 187 (6830 North High St, Worthington OH 43085)
Pleasant View North: Virginia Limestahl, 17 (*Lu Ann Cole's mother*)

Armed Forces

SGT Double C / 1st MAR DIV, 3rd Amphibious Assault BN, H & S CO, MCM PLT (*Barbara Double's grandson*)
SGT Fennema, John T / fennma33@yahoo.com (*Paul and Barb Fennema's son*)
LCPL Gibbs, Jeremy B. / 5988 Tulagi Place, Tarawa Terrace NC 28543 (*Charles and Margaret Gibbs' grandson*)
2LT Halverstadt, Jon / Iraq / 858 MCT / Joint Base Balad / APO AE 09391 / jphalve@gmail.com (*Dave and Becky Halverstadt's son*)

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FINANCES

Envelope Income received September 6	\$ 4,434.00
Envelope Income received September 13	\$ 3,253.00
Envelope Income received September 20	\$ 2,766.00
General Fund Balance, August 31, 2009	(\$347.24)
Peacemaking Offering	\$ 369.00
Per Capita (\$27 for 2009 / Goal: \$13,392.00)	\$ 4,490.19
2¢ for Hunger (September)	\$ 32.34

PVT Hill, Zachary — Fort Knox, Kentucky (*Gloria Shafer's son*)
SGT Konrad, Emily / 320 Pioneer Dr, Oak Grove KY 42262 (*Gloria Shafer's cousin*)
CPL Lee, Stacy / CLB-5 HQ CO, UNIT 42230, FPO AP 96426-2230
SGT Stith, Ryan / Kilo Company, MCT SOI, Camp Pendleton CA 92055 (*Harvey Mason's grandson*)



The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Ethel Clark and the family on the death of her mother, Berthell (Collier) Duke.



Betty and Tom Niccolls are so blessed with knowing of your prayers and concern. Thank you for this vivid reminder of "the communion of saints".

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you for the assortment of cookies and cake you brought into us. We truly appreciate it! Thank you for thinking of us.

The Century House Family

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated on Rally Day and came to our church picnic. Rally Day is the kickoff of the new church year, and I think we are off to a great start. Without the help and support of our church, these events would cease to take place, and I give thanks for this church family and all we do and stand for. Sincerely,

Kim Double

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My dear friends of the church,
 That sure was a surprise when John Krauss stepped to the front of the chancel and announced the Haviland Choir would sing *With a Voice of Singing* to honor me on my coming 80th Birthday for doing something I love so much to do. I almost decided not to attend church that Sunday, but the good Lord had other ideas and so did my wife, Ruth. I even failed to suspicion anything when our friend, Dr. Ann Waters, came to sit with me. The event renewed my faith. Our works alone don't necessarily save us, however, we are surely known by them. As Tiny Tim would say, 'that's my pay'. Thanks to you, John, Nancy, the Haviland Choir, and all of you in church. *God Bless Us Everyone.*

Dr. H. Gene Shafer

The church universal remembers Francis of Assisi on October 3 or 4 (customs vary), the date of his death in 1226. Francis is remembered for his simplicity of life and his great love for animals. On **Saturday, October 3 at 10 a.m.**, there will be a "**Blessing of the Animals**" service in the Church "backyard." All responsible pet owners are welcome!

Another "saint" of Christianity, John Calvin, was born in 1509. Beginning this Sunday, we will observe the 500th anniversary of his year of birth with a 5-part 9 a.m. Sunday School class based on an excellent DVD produced by the Presbyterian Church. Special note of Calvin's teaching will also be made in worship during these five weeks.

Your Session at Work

The following were approved on September 17, 2009:

1. One time loan from Trust Fund money to cover operating expenses up to \$10,000.
2. Dedication of Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2009.
3. Baptism of Luke Bradley Stephens, son of Brad and Cara (Morelli) Stephens, on Sunday, October 4, 2009.
4. "Blessing of the Animals" event in the church's "backyard" on Saturday, October 3, 2009, the Sunday closest to St. Francis Day.
5. New Member Hazel Allison to the Active Roll by Transfer from New Lisbon Presbyterian Church (Wavelene Arnold's mother)
6. Committed to participation in community food pantry and elected Phil Tetlow as a board member
7. Operation Christmas Child Project (Deacons)

Presbyterian Women

February Circle — Wednesday, October 14 at 9 a.m. at Brighton Hot Dog Shoppe; then Room 110 at the Church with the March Circle

March Circle — Wednesday, October 14 at 9:15 a.m. at the church; Bible Study on *Joshua 1:1-9, 23*

April Circle — Tuesday, September 29 at 6 p.m. at Ezio's Restaurant; RSVP Grace Smith, 330-332-8312

October Circle — Wednesday, October 14 at 12 p.m. at the Salem Golf Club

PW Fall Gathering Monday, October 26

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, Akron — 9 a.m.

Speaker for the day will be George Sleight, who was in the World Trade Center when it was first bombed in 1993 and then again on 9/11. Anyone is welcome to come and hear his story (around 10 a.m.) Registration form and \$5 (if you plan to stay for lunch) should be sent to Margie Laria, 1426 Tewksbury Cir, Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221.

Worship Service Schedule

Cable TV Channel 9

Sunday (2 a.m.*); Tuesday (12 p.m., 4 p.m.);

Wednesday (4 a.m.*, 4 p.m., 9 p.m.);

Friday (4 a.m.*, 4 p.m.*); Saturday (2 a.m.*)

*Schedule subject to change

Operation Christmas Child

The Board of Deacons has decided it would like our church to participate in "Operation Christmas Child," sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. This is a nondenominational program designed to give Christian children in distressed areas around the world a little bit of Christmas. We would like all age groups to be represented in this project. If you are not familiar with this program, there will be brochures at church in the next few weeks that should answer your questions. The basic idea is to purchase small items that would appeal to children ages 2 – 14. These items will be used to fill shoeboxes, one per child. The brochures give a list of suggested items, and other helpful information. The pick-up dates for the boxes are November 16 – 23, so it isn't too early to start shopping!

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY NEWS



The Stated Clerk Search Committee has provided materials related to the search for a new Stated Clerk — position description, salary package, an application, and accompanying questions. The Book of Order states that the Stated Clerk of higher governing bodies must be an ordained minister or elder. Applicants for the position of Stated Clerk are asked to submit these completed items no later than October 9, 2009, to Peggy Richmond, Moderator of the Committee on Nominations, Eastminster Presbytery, PO Box 316, Mineral Ridge, Ohio 44440. All forms are available in the Church Office. (Rev. Ross Jackson will conclude his faithful service as Stated Clerk on December 31, 2009.)

On July 3, 2010, the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will convene in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Nominating Committee of Eastminster Presbytery is inviting Elders to apply to be considered for Eastminster's Elder Commissioner to the 219th General Assembly (applicants do not need to be serving on Session). Applications are available in the Church Office and must be returned to the Presbytery Office by November 30, 2009.



Friday, October 2

September

Happy Birthday!

Margaret Stewart (21), Bill Davis (24),
Barbara Bozich (27), Kay Stanga (28)


- 21 / Mon 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) - M/Tu/Th/F
6:30 Alzheimer Support Group (107)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 23 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 24 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)
9:30 History Committee (202)
- 25 / Fri 4:30 Bus leaves from church lot for
Cleveland Indians Game for those
who purchased tickets
- 27 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Class on John Calvin (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)
- 28 / Mon 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) - M/Tu/Th/F
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 29 / Tues 6:00 April Circle (Ezio's Restaurant)
RSVP Grace Smith, 330-332-8312
- 30 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

October

Happy Birthday!

Pete Johnson (2), Dick Dale (3), Jack Hovis (8),
Jean Hannay (10), Norman Smith (17),
Warren Bettis (24), Jo Hendricks (25)

- 1 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)
9:30 History Committee (202)
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
7:00 Committee Night:
Christian Education (106)
Mission I and S (109)
Property and Maintenance (107)
Worship, Music and the Arts (FH)

- 3 / Sat 10:00 *Blessing of the Animals*
Church "backyard"
- 4 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Class on John Calvin (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)
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- 5 / Mon 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) - M/Tu/Th/F
10:00-10:45; 1:30-2:15 Preschool (109)
9:30 Presbyterian Women (107)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 6 / Tues 9:30-10:30 Preschool (109)
- 7 / Weds 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)
12:00 Daytimers (FH) —
Program — *China Trip* by Jan Bethel
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 8 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)
- 10 / Sat 8:00-5:00 United Quilt Guild
Fall Workshop (FH)
- 11 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Class on John Calvin (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)
- 12 / Mon 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) - M/Tu/Th/F
10:00-10:45; 1:30-2:15 Preschool (109)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 13 / Tues 9:30-10:30 Preschool (109)
Eastminster Presbytery Committee
Night at Pleasant Grove PC, Boardman
7:00 Finance (107)
- 14 / Weds 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)
9:00 Feb Circle (Hot Dog Shoppe/110)
9:15 March Circle (110)
12:00 October Circle (Salem Golf Club)
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 15 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)
**7:00 Joint Meeting of Session
and Deacons (FH)**
7:30 Session (107)