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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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Included in  
this Newsletter...

Consecration  
Sunday  
Is Coming...

Youth News at  
FPC Salem

Operation  
Christmas Child

Fall Soup and  
Dessert  
Luncheon  
November 1

## October 25 — Reformation Sunday

Sermon: "Always Reforming, Always Transforming"  
Scriptures: Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 46:5-10; Mark 12:28-34  
Music: Haviland Choir / Western Reserve Brass  
Liturgist: Andrew Skiba



John Calvin

## November 1 — All Saints' Day

Rev. Dr. John Sharick in Pulpit

Sermon: "Saints: Remembering, and Living On"  
Scriptures: Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44  
Music: Haviland Choir  
Liturgist: John Tonti



Dear Friends,

This month we have been celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John Calvin's birth. This Sunday, we will sing a few of the great hymns of the Reformation with the help of some guest musicians under the direction of John Krauss. Come and enjoy!

Also this Sunday, immediately after worship, I will be making a brief presentation about the process we will be using to conduct a self-study with a particular focus on the needs of young families. This should take about 30 minutes.

The following Sunday, November 1, is All Saints Day, and we will remember those who have joined the Church Triumphant within the past year. The Rev. Dr. John Sharick, the retired Executive Presbyter of Eastminster Presbytery, will be preaching. I will be at a meeting of the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission from October 28 through November 2. The Commission will be dealing with several difficult cases at this meeting; please pray that we may be given wisdom as we decide them. John Sharick is *donating* his preaching on November 1; please thank him for this gift which allows me to participate in the work of the larger church.

The days are growing short and the hours of light will be even shorter after Daylight Savings Time ends in the wee hours of November 1. May we continue to have "the eyes of our hearts enlightened" by the grace of God present among us.

Blessings,  
Meta

## Prayer Concerns

Alliance Community Care Center —  
Rosann Butler (171)

Boston — Hayden Johnson, 175  
Blossom St #203, Boston MA 02114;  
[www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden](http://www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden)

Others — Elvira Bass, Karen Bass  
(Mary Frances Breit's sister, niece), Ellen  
Becker (family friends of Bob and Sue  
Merry), Warren and Barbara Bettis,  
Dick Bryan, Tink Layden, Joe Lippiatt  
(Sue Sinclair's brother and Penny Lippiatt's  
nephew), Bill McDevitt, Nancy Mickey  
(Lori Mickey's mother in law), Mary Jo  
Milheim, Mrs. Oshaben (Kathy Loudon's  
mother), Rev. Tom Niccolls, Jean Pridon  
(home), Paul Rankin, Sam Ricciardi  
(Carol Ricciardi's husband), Gloria Shafer,  
Lorin Shepard, Jeanne Smith (Mickey  
Buck's mother), Tom Smith, 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 in NC: Ruth Walton  
(Phyllis Garlock's mother)

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: Juanita Starbuck, 105 (Ray  
Starbuck's wife)

Essex III: Ibby Dales, 211

Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234

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](mailto: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)

## Financials

Envelope Income received October 4, 2009	\$ 5,491.00
Envelope Income received October 11, 2009	\$ 4,357.00
Envelope Income received October 18, 2009	\$ 4,285.00
General Fund Balance, August 31, 2009	(-\$347.24)
September Revenues	\$25,585.67
September Expenses	\$27,309.01
General Fund Balance, September 30, 2009	(-\$2,070.58)
<u>Peacemaking Offering</u>	\$ 2,013.00
<u>Per Capita (\$27 for 2009 / Goal: \$13,392.00)</u>	\$ 4,544.19
<u>2¢ for Hunger</u> (September)	\$ 92.31

Armed Forces, continued...

† 2LT Halverstadt, Jon / Iraq / 858  
MCT / Joint Base Balad / APO AE  
09391 / (Dave and Becky Halverstadt's  
son) [jphalve@gmail.com](mailto:jphalve@gmail.com)

† PVT Hill, Zachary — D Company 2-  
81 ARBN, 3rd Platoon Warlords, 3576  
Wilson Rd, Fort Knox, KY 40121-5728;  
(Gloria Shafer's son)

[Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil](mailto:Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil)

† 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)

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The Sympathy and Surrounding  
Love of Our Congregation are ex-  
tended to Jason and Amy Cannon  
and the family on the death of Ja-  
son's mother, Lana Cain.

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Congratulations to grand-  
parents Greg and Lynn  
Gardner and George and  
Joy Buckshaw on the birth  
of Carter Zachary Buck-  
shaw. Parents are Jeff Buckshaw and  
Dr. Stacey Gardner-Buckshaw.



**Christmas Poinsettias**  
Place Orders in Fellowship Hall  
Sundays: November 1, 8, 15, 22  
\$7.00 each in Red, White, Pink



A big "THANK YOU" cannot  
convey the happiness you gave  
me with the cards and phone calls  
plus the flowers (delivered by Sue  
Smith), to start me off on another  
blessed birthday!! Here's hoping  
the happiness you gave me will be  
returned to each of you.

Sincerely, Margaret Stewart

"At the October 13 meeting of  
the Salem Rotary Club, Buckeye  
Council Scout Director David  
Truax made special mention of  
our own Troop 3. He even called  
for a round of applause for the  
First Presbyterian Church. Why?  
Because our troop is the third-oldest  
Boy Scout Troop in the United  
States, having been chartered in  
1910, and holding that charter con-  
tinuously for almost 100 years! I  
have been told that special festivi-  
ties will be held in Fall 2010 to  
celebrate the centennial of our  
Troop. Many, many thanks to all  
those who work so hard to sus-  
tain this ministry!"

Rev. Meta Cramer

The Preschool thanks the Session  
for giving us permission to share  
our Wish List of Supplies and  
fundraiser opportunities with the  
congregation. We are facing seri-  
ous financial need this year and  
appreciate your support and  
prayers.

Sincerely,  
The First Presbyterian Preschool Staff

## Hope: Openness for Surprise

Life itself will purify our hope step by step if we live with a passion for the possible. As we go forward, the apparent limits of the possible will be pushed back further and further into the region of the seemingly impossible. Sooner or later we realize that the possible has no fixed limits. What we mistook for a limit proves to be a horizon. And, like every horizon, it recedes as we move on toward fullness of life. This exploration animated by a passion for the possible is, of course, our religious quest, spurred on by the restlessness of our human heart.

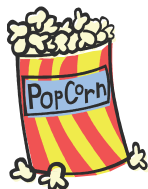
from *Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer*  
by Brother David Steindle-Rast

## Presbyterian Women

Fall Gathering — Monday, October 26  
Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, Akron — 9 a.m.

Speaker for the day will be George Sleigh, 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.

**Boy Scout Troop 3** is conducting its annual Popcorn Sale during the month of October. Scouts and leaders will be in Fellowship Hall on Sundays before and after the service to take orders. Also, order forms and information will be available on the Bulletin Board next to the popcorn poster. Please contact Mark Smith at 330-332-8312 with any questions.



**Salem Mobile Meals** has been delivering meals since 1975 and has never missed a delivery in the 34 years. To date, we have delivered over 350,000 meals, however, due to many of our drivers vacationing in the South during the winter, we have now reached the point that we need help. If anyone can drive on any day between 11:00 and 1:00 and are willing to undergo an orientation program, please call Jo Anna Bosel at 330-332-2160.

Geoff Goll  
President



## Your Session at Work

The following were approved on October 15, 2009:

1. Wreath Sale — LOGOS Fundraiser from Sherwood Forest Farms (see "Youth News" insert for details)
2. Participation in the Salvation Army Angel Tree to supply gifts for 40 children at Christmas
3. Ringing bells for the Salvation Army
4. Use of Escrow Fund money to cover operating expenses
5. Publication of Preschool Wish List and fundraising opportunities in the bulletin and newsletter.

## Eastminster Presbytery Opportunity

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. Applications are available in the Church Office and must be returned to the Presbytery Office by November 30, 2009.

**JBM Camp Work Day**  
Saturday, October 24 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Gratitude flows from the recognition that all that is, is a divine gift born out of love and freely given to us so that we may offer thanks and share it with others.

...Henri Nouwen

## Worship Service Schedule

Cable TV Channel 9

\*Schedule subject to change


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.\*)



# October

Happy Birthday!

Bill Hannay (19), Warren Bettis (24), Jo Hendricks (25)

- 19 / Mon      6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
7:00 November Circle (107)
- 20 / Tues      Preschool Pictures (107)  
8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) - M/Tu/Th/F  
**8:30 Investment Committee (110)**  
9:30-10:30 Preschool (109)
- 21 / Weds      Preschool Pictures (107)  
9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)  
**4:30 Pres-Bees**  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)
- 22 / Thurs      9:00 Quilting (110)
- 23 / Fri      Kim Whitman/Joseph Colian Rehearsal (S)
- 24 / Sat      4:30 Kim Whitman/Joseph Colian  
Wedding (S)
- 25 / 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 *followed by*  
Informational Meeting — Process for an  
Updated Self Study (107)  
2:00-4:00 Ben Karmazin and Angela  
Cavalier Shower (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 26 / 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 Court/Honor (FH)
- 27 / Tues      9:30-10:30 Preschool (109)  
4:30-7:30 PS Dad's Pumpkin Carving (FH)
- 28 / Weds      9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)   
Preschool Costume Parties  
**4:30 Pres-Bees Trunk or Treat**  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)
- 29 / Thurs      Preschool Costume Parties  
9:00 Quilting (110)  
**9:30 History Committee (209)**

30 / Fri      Preschool Costume Parties





# November



Happy Birthday!

Dolores Kynett (14), Ibbey Dales (22),  
Minnie Rhea Carter (25), Barbara Bettis (27)

- 1 / Sun      9:00 Sunday School  
**ALL SAINTS' DAY**  
9:00 Communion Class: Grades 1-2  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship — Rev. Dr. John Sharick  
**Fall Soup / Dessert Luncheon (FH)**  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH) 
- 2 / Mon      8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) - M/Tu/Th/F  
**9:30 Presbyterian Women (107)**  
10:00-10:45; 1:30-2:15 Preschool (109)  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**
- 3 / Tues      9:30-10:30 Preschool (109)
- 4 / Weds      9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)  
12:00 Daytimers (FH)  
Program by Erma Eaton  
**4:30 Pres-Bees — Bowling Tournament with Adults**  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109) 
- 5 / Thurs      9:00 Quilting (110)  
**9:30 History Committee (209)**  
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)**
- 8 / Sun      9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Communion Class: Grades 1-2  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship — *Cherub Choir*  
6:00 Dinner (FH) — *Consecration*  
*Sunday Board Members*  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)