



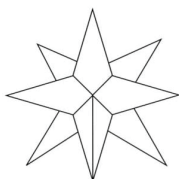
Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor

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

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## January 3 — The Second Sunday after Christmas

Sermon: "Epiphany, Part 1"  
Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Matthew 2:1-12



## January 10 — The Baptism of the Lord

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Sermon: "Epiphany, Part 2"  
Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

## STAR— GIVING

Ann Weems

What I'd really like to give you for Christmas is a star. . .  
Brilliance in a package,  
something you could keep in the pocket of your jeans  
or the pocket of your being.  
Something to take out in times of darkness,  
something that would never snuff out or tarnish,  
something you could hold in your hand,  
something for wonderment,  
something for pondering,  
something that would remind you of  
what Christmas has always meant:  
God's Advent Light into the darkness of this world.  
But stars are only God's for giving,  
and I must be content to give you words and wishes and  
packages without stars.  
But I can wish you life  
as radiant as the Star  
that announced the Christ Child's coming,  
and as filled with awe as the shepherds who stood  
beneath its light.  
And I can pass on to you the love that has been given to me,  
ignited countless times by others,  
who have knelt in Bethlehem's light.  
Perhaps, if you ask, God will give you a star.



## CLASSES FOR OFFICERS

Rev. Cramer will be offering two classes on what it means to be an ordained Elder or Deacon within the Presbyterian Church. These will take place on two Sunday mornings — January 3 and 10 — beginning at 9 a.m. **All officers — and especially those about to be ordained and/or installed — are invited to attend.** The January 10 class will also be a meeting of the Session for the purpose of "examining" our newly-elected officers. We will then proceed to ordain and install our new officers during Worship at 10:30.

## Prayer Concerns

Salem Hospital Skilled — Betty Potter, 153-1 (Helen Hayes' mother)

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, Rosann Butler (surgery Jan 5 at Cleveland Clinic), Sally Collins, Hayden Johnson, [www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden](http://www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden), Tink Layden, Joe Lippiatt (Sue Sinclair's brother and Penny Lippiatt's nephew), Char McDevitt, Bill McDevitt, Nancy Mickey (Lori Mickey's mother in law), Mary Jo Milheim, Rev. Tom Niccolls, Bill Phillips (Joyce Smith's son-in-law), Clarence Reed (Sue Skiba's father), Tom Smith, Melvin Wilms, 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); Jean Pridon, 104 (Sam Pridon's wife), Mary Jane Stamp (Ruth Newman's mother)

Briarwood: Norman Pim, 601 (3700 Englewood Dr., Stow OH 44224)

Clare Bridge of Austintown — Bill Butler (Pat Butler's husband); 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd, Austintown OH 44515

Courtyard: 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 Conrad, Emily — 1443A Circle Dr, Fort Campbell KY 42223 (Gloria Shafer's cousin)

† 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)

## FINANCIALS

Envelope Income received December 6	\$ 7,719.00
Envelope Income received December 13	\$13,476.00
Envelope Income received December 20	\$10,416.00
Envelope Income received December 24/27	\$12,772.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2009	(-\$2,579.96)
Loan to General Fund	-\$20,000.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2009	(-\$22,579.96)
<u>Christmas Joy Offering</u>	\$ 2,310.00
<u>Per Capita (\$27 for 2009 / Goal: \$13,392.00)</u>	\$ 4,957.19
<u>2¢ for Hunger</u> (December)	\$ 11.00

† LCPL Gibbs, Jeremy B. — 5988 Tulagi Place, Tarawa Terrace NC 28543 (Charles and Margaret Gibbs' grandson)  
 † 2LT Halverstadt, Jon — 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)  
 † 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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In Memoriam  
Joan Liggett

Joined First Church  
December 16, 1956

Died — December 26, 2009

"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 Joan Liggett; to Verna Stevens and the family on the death of her son in law; to Melvin and Jenny Wilms and the family on the death of Jenny's father, Harry Kelly; and to Fred and Jan Jones and Bill and Lori Mickey on the death of mother and grandmother, Velma Jones.

## Year End Giving

All contributions received in the Records Office by Thursday, December 31, 2009, will be credited to 2009 giving. Contributions received on or after Friday, January 1, 2010, will be credited to 2010 giving. The only exceptions are contributions mailed to the church and postmarked on or before December 31, 2009.

*Thank You*

On behalf of the Presbyterian Women, I would like to thank everyone who either made, bought, or donated to our Christmas Candy and Bake Sale. We made \$1,022! This money will be used to honor our Christmas Giving Pledge of \$2,000 to Salvation Army, SAFCO, and AID. Thanks so much for helping us make this such a success. Thanks so much! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jan Jones  
PW Moderator



For security purposes, the Kitchen Door is locked at all times. Please use the north entrance. Thank you.

## DAYTIMERS

Wednesday, January 6  
12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Bring Covered Dish to Share

Program by Historical Committee:  
*The Message of "The Presbyterian Messenger"...  
A Retrospective*



## ATTENTION!

- ✓ **2010 Calendars**, compliments of Stark Memorial Funeral Home, are available at all Sanctuary entrances, and outside the Church Office.
- ✓ **Offering Envelopes for 2010** are on the stage in Fellowship Hall.
- ✓ **Mission Yearbooks for 2010** are available for \$5 in the Church Office.
- ✓ **Flower and Bulletin Donors** are needed for 2010. Please call the Church Office to verify standing orders. Flowers are \$10 a vase; Bulletins are \$15 a Sunday.
- ✓ **Annual Reports** are due in the Church Office by Monday, January 4, 2010.
- ✓ **Per Capita Apportionment for 2010** is \$28 per Active Member (see chart below). Envelopes are in the Pew Racks and in 2010 Offering Envelope boxes.

## Your Session at Work

*At the December 17 Session meeting:*

- Elder Wavelene Arnold thanked everyone for their donations to the Angel Tree and also thanked members of the Congregational Care Committee for ringing bells for the Salvation Army on December 5.
- Elder Judy Sicilia reported that progress continues on the Community Food Pantry. The intent is to have an Open House on January 15th for everyone to see the new facilities and for distribution to start on January 18th.
- Approved 2010 Budget of \$326,236.60.
- Elder Jeremy Mackall announced that all doors are now being locked, except the North door, for the purpose of security.
- The Annual Congregational/Corporation Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2010 following Worship.
- A recommendation will be presented at the Annual Congregational/Corporation Meeting to change the Bylaws to lower the number of Deacons from 24 to 18.
- Accepted with regret the resignation of Clerk of Session, Marcia Shepard.
- Elected Alice Jackson as Clerk of Session for 2010.
- Endorsed Sarah Bender's Application for Nomination as Youth Advisory Delegate to the 219th General Assembly in 2010.
- Authorized Bob Merry and assistants to build a wall in the Audio Visual Room.

The **Per Capita Apportionment due for the year 2010** for the First Presbyterian Church in Salem is based upon reported **active membership** at the end of the year 2008, which was 476.

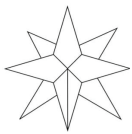
Governing Body	Apportionment	Amount Due
Eastminster Presbytery	\$ 18.67	\$ 8,886.92
Synod of the Covenant	\$ 3.18	\$ 1,513.68
General Assembly	\$ 6.15	\$ 2,927.40
Total	\$ 28.00	\$13,328.00

## 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 & 9 p.m.  
Friday – 4 a.m.\*, 4 p.m.\*  
Saturday – 2 a.m.\*



# December

*Happy Birthday!*

*Polly Kendall (28), Juanita Latham (29)*

31 / Thu 12:00 Church Office closes for Holiday

# January



*Happy Birthday!*

*Alberta Herron (6), Josephine Hawkins (8)  
Verna Stevens (23 — 90th)*

1 / Fri *Happy New Year!*



3 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (109)  
9:00 Officer Class (107)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship

4 / Mon 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) — M/Tu/Th/F  
9:30-10:30 Preschool (109) — M/Tu  
**9:30 Presbyterian Women (107)**  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**

5 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild  
UFO Night (FH)

6 / Weds 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)  
12:00 Daytimers (FH) — *The Message  
of "The Presbyterian Messenger"...*  
*A Retrospective*  
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)

7 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)  
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)  
**7:00 Committees —  
Christian Education (106)  
Mission I and S (109)  
Property and Maintenance (107)  
Worship, Music and the Arts (FH)**

10 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Officer Class (107)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship — *Ordination/Installation  
of Elders and Deacons*  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

11 / Mon 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) — M/Tu/Th/F  
9:30-10:30 Preschool (109) — M/Tu  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Congregational Care (107)**

12 / Tues 5:00 Eastminster Presbytery Meeting  
FPC, Mineral Ridge

13 / Weds 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)  
9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)  
9:15 March Circle (110)  
12:00 October Circle (Salem Golf Club)  
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)

14 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)  
**7:00 Finance (107)**

17 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

18 / Mon 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) — M/Tu/Th/F  
9:30-10:30 Preschool (109) — M/Tu  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

19 / Tues **8:30 Investment (107)**

20 / Weds 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)  
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)

21 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)  
**7:00 Session (107)**