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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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April 24 — The 5th Sunday of Easter Earth Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25
Revelation 21:1-5
I Corinthians 15:35-44
Sermon: *Hidden Promises*
Liturgist: Tom Mercer
Music: Haviland Choir



May 1 — The 6th Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23;
Luke 24:44-53
Sermon: *Still Blessing, Still Blessed*
Liturgist: TBA
Music: Haviland Choir -
Be Thou My Vision, Rob Cole - Horn
Carillon Ringers (*final performance till fall*)



Dear Friends,

We have several events of interest coming up in the next few weeks. We will be celebrating Earth Sunday in a joyful way this coming Sunday, April 24. Wear something bright and cheerful and come prepared to celebrate God's very good gift of Creation itself. Our Pres-Bees spent several weeks on lessons about Monarch butterflies, so we hope the children we be in worship to sing the songs they learned and to learn even more about caring for the Earth.

On Tuesday, April 26, there will be an organizational meeting for the 2016 edition of Denise's Big Backyard. The Big Backyard is a series of Wednesday evening programs held in the summer for the whole church family *and* for the neighborhood. If you'd like to help in some way, please come by at 7 p.m. on April 26.

On Tuesday, May 3, there will be another 7 p.m. meeting – this one to continue to explore a trip to Guatemala in Spring 2017. We already have several people committed to the trip and are looking for a few more. We will be visiting Presbyterian Mission workers who are part of CEDAPCA – the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America – an institution that offers Theological Education, Disaster Ministry, a Women's Ministry, and Intercultural Encounters. We are planning an Intercultural Encounter with the possibility of a "work project" included. We are looking forward to discovering just who is interested in this opportunity. Please come to the meeting if you have any interest, *even if you aren't ready to commit to making the trip*. And, just to be clear, we expect to be doing lots of fund-raising, so do not let finances stop you from expressing your interest.

It is my conviction that our congregation's life will be greatly enhanced as we form relationships with international mission partners. Guatemala is fairly nearby; I am already acquainted with several of the mission workers; and as we learn more about this Central American country we will also be learning more about our neighbors in Salem who have come from there. I pray that we are ready to take this next step in faith.

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Denny Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Eddie Broome (*Sally Collins' brother-in-law*), Sandy Byers (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Darby Jeffries Colian, Gary and Sandy Colian (*Kim Colian's in-laws*), Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Brenda Farley (*Ethel Clark's daughter*), Nancy Fawcett, Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's grand-daughter, daughter-in-law*), Rev. Dick Ferris, Berneda Fitch, Sandi Flake (*Mark Flake's wife*), Lynden and Mary Lou Gamble, Pat Garick, Charles Hamilton (*Rich and Pat Eichler's nephew*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Jody Karmazin, Brandi Koerner (*Nancy Fawcett's niece*), Adrienne Leiendecker (*Dick and Eileen Shanker's neighbor's daughter*), Russell Loudon, Larry Lozier, Jim Munholland (*Carol Ricciardi's friend*), Mike Murphy, Don Palmer (*Rich Eichler's uncle*), Presbytery Mission Design Team, Clarence and Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's parents*), Steve Rozeski (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Lee Schrum (*Carol Ricciardi's brother-in-law*), Gene Shafer, Tom Shafer and Carol Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's husband, mother*), Bob Stroble (*Member of Eastminster Presbytery Committee on Ministry*), Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's daughter*), Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Mary Winch-Korff, 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
Brookdale Austintown: Henry and Dottie Zimmerman; 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd 44515
Courtyard: Janice Olmstead, 301
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251; John Martsof, 215
Essex III: Ibby Dales, 215
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221; Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059

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| Envelope Income received April 3 | \$ 3,257.50 |
| Envelope Income received April 10 | \$ 5,049.50 |
| General Fund Balance, February 29, 2016 | \$19,704.50 |
| March Revenues | \$16,432.12 |
| March Transfer In | \$ 2,308.33 |
| March Expenses | \$27,398.47 |
| General Fund Balance, March 31, 2016 | \$11,046.48 |
| One Great Hour of Sharing (Goal - \$4,000) | \$ 3,365.50 |
| Per Capita (\$32.15 per Active Member) | \$ 1,686.05 |

Lake Vista of 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, 146; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Military

FENNEMA, JOHN T. SGT
fennema33@gmail.com
 Paul and Barb Fennema's son

Outside Work Day at Church

Saturday, April 30 at 8:30 a.m.
 Bring rakes, shovels, and if possible, wheelbarrows.

Mission Trip Presentation Sunday, May 1

Our friends Lee and Judi Bender will visit us at 6:30 p.m. with news of Eastminster Presbytery's recent visit to the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon.

Bulletin Donors needed for May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, July 3, 17, 24, August 7, 14, 21, 28, September 11, 18, 25, October 23, 30, November 6, 20, December 18; cost is \$15 a Sunday.

Pentecost Geraniums

Place orders in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, April 24 and May 1, or call the Church Office by May 2. Pots are 4" and cost \$2.75 each. Flowers not taken on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, will be planted on church grounds.



Picture Make Up Days

If you were unable to have your picture taken last December, be sure to Sign Up on Sundays, April 24 and May 1 to have your picture taken on Monday, May 9 or Tuesday, May 10 for our new Pictorial Directory. It is essential for us to have a high level of participation.



Soup-to-Go Sunday, April 24

Chili — \$5.00 a Quart

For Sale: The church's purchase of a new lawn tractor allows us to sell our well maintained 1999 Cub Cadet Lawn Tractor, Model 2135. We will be asking \$900. If anyone within the congregation has an interest or knows someone who does, please call the Church Office to arrange a showing.

Address Correction:
 Dawn Peterson - Apartment 9

Earth Sunday Celebration

Please join in the Earth Sunday Celebration this coming Sunday, April 24. We will be celebrating one of God's most beautiful creations — the Monarch Butterfly. We learned last year that God has entrusted us to take care of his world and this would include all of his creatures great and small. One of his small creatures, the Monarch butterfly, is in serious trouble and its numbers are declining. The reason? The Milkweed, which is the only plant on which the female will lay her eggs and which is the only plant that her caterpillar will eat, is disappearing. The Pres-Bees children have planted Milkweed seeds that have sprouted and grown and are looking for flower gardens where they can continue to grow and welcome the Monarch butterflies and caterpillars. Those who are interested may take home some of these precious plants. You are encouraged to wear your brightest colored clothes representing the colorful flowers the butterflies love so much and join us in our celebration of God's beautiful world and His Monarch butterflies.



Youth News

Sunday School:

Teachers: *Kim Double, Julie Mackall, Cara Stephens*
9:15 a.m. - Classes start at 9:30 a.m.

LOGOS: *Youth in Grades 6-12 / Sundays at 5:00 p.m.*

April 22 Set Up for Rummage Sale
April 23 Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
April 24 Rummage Sale after Worship

Vacation Bible School:

Cave Quest —

Following Jesus: The Light of the World
Sunday, June 5 - Thursday, June 9
6:00-8:30 p.m.

Closing Program on Sunday, June 12

Call Jayne Bricker if you would like to help.



LOGOS Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 23

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Items (no clothing) must be on the stage in Fellowship Hall by Thursday, April 21. Money from the sale will be used to help fund the LOGOS summer mission trip.

Presbyterian Women's Association

Basket Raffle ~ Sunday, May 15

Any groups, circles, families, or individuals are welcome to donate a basket (call Jan Jones if you need a basket). Baskets must be turned in by Sunday, May 8 and will be on display in Fellowship Hall that Sunday and on Sunday, May 15. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for 6. Money raised will go to local missions. Basket themes so far are:

- *A Few of Our Favorite Things* (Session)
- *Red, White and Blue* (April Circle)
- *Italian* (Congregational Care Committee)
- *Gardening* (Recycling Interest Group)
- *Chocolate* (May Circle)
- *Dog* (May Circle)
- *Cat* (May Circle)
- *Beach Fun* (January Circle)
- *Specialty Chocolate* (September Circle)



You Are Invited!

There are three opportunities for the Presbytery to gather to share ideas:

- Wednesday, April 20 at North Springfield, Akron, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 21 at the Presbytery Office, Mineral Ridge, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

This is the list of locations, dates, and times for the "Roundtable Conversations" in Eastminster Presbytery to talk about the proceeds from the JBM sale, the shape and focus of the revised Manual of Operations, and the nitty gritty of "being Presbyterian". It promises to be an energetic, engaging opportunity for all Presbyterians in northeast Ohio.

Calvin Taylor Worship Presentation ~ Sunday, May 15

We will be privileged to have Dr. Calvin Taylor, former organist of Hollywood Presbyterian Church and now a performing concert artist, with us on Sunday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m. Worship and at 4:00 p.m. *Holy Scripture – Alive with Sounds of Music* has been presented in hundreds of churches throughout America. Calvin's program consists of many Bible readings, followed by hymns, gospel songs, and congregational singing, all based on preceding passages. A special feature will include a congregational favorite, *Here I Am, Lord*.



Churches nationwide have been richly blessed by this unique worship experience combining scripture and music. Beloved hymns and classical sacred music take on new significance through the artistry of Calvin Taylor's improvisations. You will not want to miss this special day! So mark this event on your family calendars and plan to attend. You will be glad you did!




April

- 20 / Weds 6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 21 / Thurs Set Up for Rummage Sale (FH) 
- 22 / Fri Set Up for Rummage Sale (FH)
- 23 / Sat 9:00 Making Soup-to-Go (K)
9:00-2:00 Rummage Sale (FH)
- 24 / Sun  9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
9:15 Women's Association (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - **Earth Sunday**
Order Geraniums (FH)
Sign Up for Picture Make Up Day (FH)
Rummage Sale (FH)
6:00 Scout Blue and Gold Banquet (FH)
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- 25 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 26 / Tues 9:15-11:00 Preschool Open House
7:00 Denise's Big Backyard Meeting (107)
- 27 / Weds 6:15 Carillon Ringers (S) - *last rehearsal*
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 28 / Thurs Preschool Field Trip
7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)
- 29 / Fri Preschool Field Trip
9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)
- 30 / Sat 8:30 Lois Frost Scholarship Auditions (S)
8:30 Outside Work Day at the Church
Bring rakes, shovels, and if possible, wheelbarrows. 

May

May Birthdays

Russell Loudon (24), Margaret Sheets (24)

- 1 / Sun  9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
9:15 New Member Class (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - *Carillon Ringers*
Order Geraniums (FH) - Last Sunday
Sign Up for Picture Make Up Day (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
6:30 Mission Trip Presentation by Lee and Judi Bender (107)
- Carillon Ringers last performance till fall*
- 2 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 3 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Guatemala Trip Meeting (107)
- 4 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - *Preschool Program*
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 5 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night: CE (106), Mission I & S (FH), Property (107), Worship, Music, Arts (109)**
- 8 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)
Baskets on Display in Fellowship Hall
LOGOS Car Wash
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B) 
- 9 / Mon 2:30-8:45 Picture Make Up Day (FH)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 10 / Tues 2:30-8:45 Picture Make Up Day (FH)
12:00 November Circle (*Barb Yonker's home*)
- 11 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110) 
- 12 / Thurs Preschool Toy Washing (K)
6:00 Recycling Refresher Course (107)
7:00 Finance and Administration (110)
- 13 / Fri 9:15-11:30 Preschool Decorating (FH)
9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)



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 – 1 am
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.](#)