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The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Chapel
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

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Sunday, August 27 — The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer in the Chapel
The final 8:30 service of the summer.

Scripture: Exodus 1:8-22
Romans 8:18-25
Psalm 124

Theme: *Birthing into Freedom*



10:30 a.m. — Worship in the Sanctuary

Scripture: Exodus 1:8-22
Psalm 124
Romans 8:18-25

Sermon: *Midwives of the New Creation*

Liturgist: Barbara Marra

Sunday, September 3 — The 13th Sunday after Pentecost Ruling Elder Ruth Gerrard Cole, Guest Preacher

10:30 a.m. — Worship in the Sanctuary

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15
Romans 12:9-13
Matthew 16:21-28



Sermon: *Naming, Instructing, Producing*

Music: Mike Newman

Liturgist: Gloria Shafer

Dear Friends,

Officially, we have another month until the first day of fall. But for all practical purposes, summer is drawing to a close: school starts this week for many of our children and youth; we will hold our final “early service” this next Sunday; and plans are underway for both Pres-Bees and LOGOS to resume on *Sunday*, September 17. I think that, for many of us, this is the time when we feel that a “new year” is truly beginning. God promises, of course, to make of us a “new creation” at any time of year or at any time in our lives (see 2 Corinthians 5:17). God is faithful in offering us new beginnings, fresh starts, second (or third or ...) chances.

I will be taking some vacation time over the holiday weekend – from Thursday, August 31 through Tuesday, September 5. Ruling Elder Ruth Gerrard Cole, a member of the New Lisbon Presbyterian Church and a graduate of Eastminster Presbytery’s Elder Preaching Institute, has been gracious enough to accept an invitation to preach here for the third consecutive Labor Day Sunday. Please welcome Ruth, who is an excellent preacher and a good friend of our congregation. And remember to be here for Rally Day on September 10 as we celebrate the beginning of a new program year!

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Denny Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Ariel (*Dollie Millikin's relative*), Chuck Boing (*Gloria Shafer's brother in law*), Kay Bryant (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Sandy Byers (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Marcia Clark (*Jan Jones' friend*), Frank Colaneri (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Rose Marie Crookston, Carol Dougherty, Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Berneda Fitch, Margaret Gibbs, Matthew Gorley (*Scott and Debbie Boyd's nephew*), Dwight Guthrie (*Meta Cramer's cousin*), Charles Hamilton (*Rich and Pat Eichler's nephew*), Bill Hannay, Jeff Hendricks (*Ruth Newman's nephew*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Jim Hollinger, Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Elma Krauss (*John Krauss' mother*), Dolores Kynett, Hannah Lanza-Roth (*granddaughter of Cheryl and Gary Kekel*), Brenda Lipp, Diane Loftin (*Ellen Maticsk's daughter in law's mother*), Ricki Looser (*Jan Jones' friend*), Russell Loudon, Mary Luecke (*Barb Loudon's mother*), Luke Mackall, Claude and Marie Mosher (*Curt's brother and wife*), Shirl O'Rourke, Don Palmer (*Rich Eichler's uncle*), Mary Jane (*Ellie Parker's friend*), Clarence and Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's parents*), Charity Ricciardi (*Carol Ricciardi's daughter-in-law*), Maria Ricciardi (*Carol Ricciardi's mother-in-law*), Marie Robinson (*Kim Double's mother*), Dr. Marilyn Roderick (*Juanita Latham's daughter*), Cody Roman (*Kathie Baker's grandson*), Steve Rozeski (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Ann Sandrock, Bob Schneider (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Gene Shafer, Tom Shafer and Carol Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's husband, mother*), Margaret Sheets, Lorin Shepard, Roselyn Stephens, Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's daughter*), Jerry Toot (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Ann Topie, Harry Veon (*Bob and Sue Merry's family friend*), Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Ruth Wright (*Ann Sandrock's friend*)

Special Care Facilities

Birchaven Village: Jean Leimbach, 124; 15100 Birchaven Ln, Findlay OH 45840

Envelope Income received August 6	\$ 5,728.00
Envelope Income received August 13	\$ 2,404.00
Envelope Income received August 20	\$ 2,230.00
General Fund Balance, July 31, 2017	\$(6,289.80)
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 1,876.00

Brookdale Salem: Pat Butler, 305
Brookdale Austintown: Dottie Zimmerman; 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd 44515
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251; Marty Hollinger, 298
Essex III: Janice Olmstead, 223
Inn at Ironwood: Norman and Jeanne Smith, 106; 6699 Ironwood Blvd, Canfield OH 44406
Lake Vista at Cortland: Margaret Sheets, Apt 105; 303 North Mecca St, Cortland OH 44410
Regency on the Lake: Joyce Smith, Room 205; 5669 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Village at Westerville: Bruno and Kay Stanga; 215 Huber Village Blvd, C100, Westerville OH 43081
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601

† In Memoriam † Henry E. Zimmerman

United with First Church
December 16, 1956

Died
August 17, 2017

"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 Stephanie Field and the family on the death of her father, Henry Zimmerman.



DAYTIMERS

Wednesday, September 6
12 Noon in Fellowship Hall
Bring Covered Dish to Share.
Carol Ricciardi will share her knowledge of Monarch Butterflies.
Come Join Us!

RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10



POTLUCK BREAKFAST

9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
Everyone is invited!
Crafts and Mission Ideas Table -
Learn about Local
Mission Opportunities

These Days and Upper Room (in small and large print) devotionals for September-October are available at Sanctuary entrances.

Eastminster Presbytery
DiscipleFest 2017 - October 21
 Canfield Presbyterian Church
 Keynote speaker - Bob Kloos
 Bob and his wife are co-founders of Beacon Street - Performing Arts in Ministry, based out of Cleveland.

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio,
meeting on Thursday, August 17, 2017...

- Heard that Rally Day will take place on the morning of Sunday, September 10, and that Pres-Bees and LOGOS will begin on Sunday, September 17.
- Approved updates to policies regarding Child Safety, Photography Consent, and Women's Association; and approved a new policy on Preschool Financial Safeguards. It was noted that, due to safety concerns, we do not "tag" photos posted on the Church's Facebook page.
- Heard that the Fall Soup and Dessert Luncheon will be held on November 12 following Consecration Sunday worship.
- Approved receiving the Good Neighbors Offering again in early October, with 50% of proceeds going to the K-9 Fund at the Salem Community Foundation, and 50% going to CEDEPCA in Guatemala to support the ministry and mission our team experienced in February.
- Approved removing the two large pop can recycling containers, leaving all other recycling bins in place.
- Approved using both a "light-bearer" to light the candles in a new way during worship and an acolyte to help with the offering and other liturgical duties. It is assumed that older youth will be the light-bearers while younger children serve as acolytes.
- Heard that Troop 3 will begin their new program year on August 28.
- Heard that the next Presbytery meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5 at the Firestone Park Presbyterian Church in Akron.
- Engaged in prayers of intercession for members and friends of the congregation.

Handbell Basics



If you would like to learn more about the skills involved in ringing handbells, please contact Cheryl McDevitt to arrange a mutually agreeable time for an individual lesson, or two or three! There is absolutely no obligation to make a commitment to be part of a bell choir. But if you have always wondered about the bells, here's a chance to learn more about them. Email CherMcD@aol.com or call Cheryl at home, 330-332-0610, if you are interested.

~ Youth News ~

Sunday School:

Sunday, September 10
Rally Day as a Community Service Event:
"Jesus Has Left the Building"

Potluck Breakfast at 9:15

for the entire congregation in Fellowship Hall.

Crafts; Mission Ideas Table - learn about local mission opportunities.



Pres-Bees Youth Club:

Starts September 17

4:30-6:00 p.m. on Sundays / Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 Choir, Lesson, Craft; Shared Meal with LOGOS at 5:30 p.m.

Leaders - Jayne Bricker, Sue Skiba, Cheryl McDevitt, and Rev. Meta Cramer

Note: Drop off and pick up for Pres-Bees Youth Club will be from Fellowship Hall. Use the west entrance near the kitchen.

Pres-Bees Chimers:

Starts September 17

Director - Cheryl McDevitt

LOGOS:

Starts September 17

5:00-6:30 p.m. on Sundays / Youth in Grades 6-12
Shared Meal with Pres-Bees Youth Club at 5:30 p.m.

Leaders - Kim Double, Michael and Jody Karmazin

Due to privacy laws, the Salem Regional Medical Center will no longer release information to the office about our members that have been admitted for care. Since the office no longer has independent access to this information, we are asking that you please advise the office if you know of someone that has been admitted. Thank you.



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

~ Matthew 11:28-30

August

Happy Birthday!

Ona Mae Erath (25)

Margaret Gibbs (31)

- 27 / Sun 8:30 Morning Prayer in the Chapel (109)
 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
 10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)
 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 Kick Off (FH)
- 29 / Tues Preschool Staff Meeting

September

Happy Birthday!

Theresa Jones (11), Gene Shafer (15), Bruno Stanga (17),
 Barbara Bozich (27), Kay Stanga (28)

- 1 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)
- 3 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
 10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)
- 4 / Mon Labor Day - Church Office Closed
- 5 / Tues No United Quilt Guild
 5:00 Eastminster Presbytery Meeting -
 Firestone Park Presbyterian Church, Akron
 6:45 Preschool Orientation (S)
- 6 / Weds **12:00 Daytimers (FH)** -
 Program: *Monarch Butterflies* - Carol Ricciardi
 7:00 Haviland Choir (S) - tentative
 7:00 Men's Bible Study (110) - tentative
- 7 / Thurs 12:00 Preschool Board of Trustees (110)
7:00 Committee Night:
Christian Education (106)
Finance and Administration (107) -
 (6:45 Review of Financial Reports)
Mission I and S (FH)
Property and Maintenance (FH)
Worship, Music, Arts (109)
 7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)

- 10 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
 9:15 Potluck Breakfast for all (FH) - Rally Day
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
 10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)
 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



- 11 / Mon Preschool Visitation - Mon/Tues
 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
6:45 Board of Deacons (107)
7:30 Congregational Care (107)

- 13 / Weds Preschool starts for M/W/F class
 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
 7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

- 14 / Thurs Preschool starts for T/Th class

- 15 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)

- 17 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
 10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
4:30-6:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:00-6:30 LOGOS
 No Cub Scouts - Field Trip

- 18 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

- 20 / Weds 6:00 Carillon Ringers (200) - tentative
 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
 7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

- 21 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)**

- 23 / Sat Making Stuffed Pepper Soup (K)
 (Soup to Go on Sunday, September 24)

- 24 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
 10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)
11:30 Soup to Go - Stuffed Pepper
 4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
 4:30-6:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
 5:00-6:30 LOGOS
 6:00 Cub Scout Pack Meeting (FH)

- 25 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)



Salem Community Pantry

Mon., Fri., 9-11:30 a.m. / Tues., 5-7:30 p.m.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Peanut Butter, Plastic Grocery Bags, Empty Egg Cartons. Place items in Fellowship Hall.

Worship Schedule on Cable TV Channel 9

Sunday - 1 and 9 am / Monday - 1am

Tuesday - 3 am, 12 & 4 pm / Wednesday - 1 am, 4 & 9 pm

Friday - 1 am / Saturday - 3 am, 12 & 4 pm

Services can also be seen on You Tube: FPCSALEM