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The Presbyterian Messenger



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

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Sunday, August 30 —
The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



This will be the last Sunday for Morning Prayer at 8:30.

8:30 — Morning Worship in the Chapel

Scripture: I Kings 19:4-8, John 6:1-14,
Psalm 34:4-10

Theme: *Bread of Angels*

10:30 — Lord's Day Worship in the Sanctuary

Scripture: Proverbs 9:1-6, Psalm 34:4-10,
John 6:1-14

Sermon: *Eating at Wisdom's Table*

Liturgist: Margaret Winch

Sunday, September 6 —
The 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Elder Ruth Gerrard Cole, preaching

10:30 — Lord's Day Worship in the Sanctuary

Scripture: Isaiah 35:4-7a
James 2:1-10
Mark 7:24-37

Sermon: *Brand New Clothes*

Liturgist: Judy Sicilia



Dear Friends,

We are in our end-of-summer period of adjustment. This week marks the beginning of the school year with the changes that brings. We are done with our special summer programs: Denise's Big Backyard has wrapped up for this year and August 30 will be our last gathering for Morning Prayer for 2015. But we are getting ready for our program year to resume:

- September 13 will be "Rally Day" (first day of Sunday School for children and youth) and will also bring the return of the Haviland Choir to our Sunday worship.
- The LOGOS Youth Group had a great time at "Water Wars" with 4 other Salem churches (*thanks, Kim Double!*) and will resume regular meetings on Sunday, September 27.
- We will be hosting a LOGOS Encounter all day on Saturday, October 10. This is excellent, professional training for those working with children and youth. We would love lots of participation from this congregation but we'll also need enrollment from other churches. Spread the word!
- Pres-Bees will begin on Wednesday, October 14. More news to follow!

Life itself is full of changes and transitions, some delightful, some difficult. Our constant is the steadfast faithfulness of the God we serve. We look forward to the 2015-2016 church program year with joy and enthusiasm!

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Denny Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), George Bell, Tim Breit (*Mary Frances Breit's son*), Dave Bricker (*Sue Kyser's brother*), Eddie Broome (*Sally Collins' brother-in-law*), Darby Jeffries Colian, Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Doug Everett (*Alice Jackson's nephew*), Nancy Fawcett, Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Rev. Dick Ferris, Charles Hamilton (*Rich and Pat Eichler's nephew*), Joyce Harrell (*Grace Smith's friend*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Rolin Herron, Rita Hovis, Ilona (*Kathie Baker's friend*), Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Linda Koshinsky (*Meta Cramer's friend*), Ron Krauss (*John Krauss' cousin*), Sue Kyser, Jean Leimbach (*15100 Birchaven Ln Apt 129, Findlay OH 45840-7766*), Guy Lindsay (*Phil Tetlow's cousin*), Casey Martinez (*Colleen Chappell's niece*), Doris Mountz (*Jody Karmazin's aunt*), Jim Munholland (*Carol Ricciardi's friend*), Mike Murphy, Presbytery Mission Design Team, Tracy Rees (*Penny Judge's daughter*), Lee Schrum (*Carol Ricciardi's brother-in-law*), Gene Shafer, Carol Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's mother*), Julie Smith (*Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law*), Susan Smith, Kay Stanga, Bob Stroble (*Member of Eastminster Presbytery Committee on Ministry*), Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's daughter*), Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Nelson Works (*Lucy Works' brother*)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum; MaryLou Timmins
Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's mother*)
Brookdale: Pat Butler, 502; Dorothy Gibson, 303 (*formerly Sterling House*)
Courtyard: Janice Olmstead, 301
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251
Essex III: Ibby Dales, 215
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601
Whispering Pines: Rolin Herron, 146; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Envelope Income received August 2	\$ 4,195.00
Envelope Income received August 9	\$ 4,088.00
Envelope Income received August 16	\$ 5,327.00
General Fund Balance, June 30, 2015	\$ 5,757.03
July Revenues	14,090.31
July Transfers In	2,300.00
July Expenses	(25,007.28)
General Fund Balance, July 31, 2015	\$ (2,859.94)
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 2,542.00

Military

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

HARP, ALEX LCPL
alex.j.harp@gmail.com
John and Joetta Tonti's grandson



Congratulations to Charles and Charity Ricciardi on the birth of Mason Dillon Ricciardi on August 19. Proud grandparents are Sam and Carol Ricciardi.



Congratulations to Jim and Marty Hollinger who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 3, and to Ken and Goldie Burrier who celebrated their 60th Anniversary on August 25.

Small and Large Print *Upper Room* devotionals for September-October are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

Open Dates for Bulletins:
 November 1, 8, December 20, 27;
 cost is \$15 per Sunday.

Thank You

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church of Salem,
 We are very grateful for your generous response to our request to become a sponsor for our annual 5K Run on October 31, 2015 beginning at the Memorial Building. This year we are building a two story house on Bank Street in Salem and doing additional neighborhood improvement projects in that area. Our house will be ready for the family to move in the end of September! Your contribution will make the dream of having a safe, decent place to live a reality for our partner families. We hope you will visit the job site to see your money in action. You are welcome to bring a hammer and join us, too! Again, we thank you so much for partnering with us to eliminate poverty housing. Your support will help us build new lives for families.

Sincerely,
 Barbara Loudon
 Executive Director

Sunday Worship on DVD

Please notify the Church Office if you know a shut in who would be interested in receiving DVD copies of our Sunday services, **or** if you want a recording of a particular service for a \$2 fee.

Board of Deacons

Looking Back...

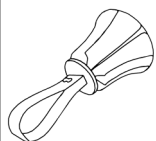
“10th Anniversary of Daytimers”

Presented by David Stephens

Wednesday, September 2

12 Noon — Fellowship Hall

Bring Covered Dish to Share



BELL BASICS

Wednesdays, September 9, 16, 23, 30

4:30 p.m.

Room 200

Are you interested in handbells but have never actually held one? Has it been so long since you read music that you aren't sure you would remember how? Then you are exactly the person this series is designed for! Using our church's instruments, we will start with the basics and progress at your pace. Have fun making music and doing something new this fall. Although our Carillon Ringers roster is currently full, a new beginner's group could be formed at the conclusion of the lessons if there is sufficient interest. However, attendees are not making a long-term commitment. To aid in planning, please call or email Cheryl McDevitt at 330-332-0610 or CherMcD@aol.com by Friday, September 4.

LOGOS Encounter Training

On Saturday, October 10, First Presbyterian Church will be hosting a GenOn Ministries' LOGOS Encounter training event. GenOn (previously known as The LOGOS Ministry) is a non-denominational ministry that has been working for 50 years to help equip faith communities and families to develop Christian disciples of all ages. This model of ministry was developed by the Rev. Dale Milligan and introduced to our Church by his brother, the Rev. Bruce Milligan. Both our Pres-Bees and LOGOS Youth program use insights from this way of nurturing our children, youth – and adults!

Please share news of this event with anyone you know who is concerned about helping young people grow in Christian faith. GenOn is *not* a Presbyterian program, although many Presbyterians are involved in it.

If members of this Church are interested in attending, please speak with the pastor or with Kim Double so that we can discuss funding issues.

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church,
meeting on August 20, 2015 . . .

- Shared what gives them “deep gladness,” lifting up enthusiastically the themes of caring for creation and for children
- Approved a number of building requests on the recommendation of the Property and Maintenance Committee
- Approved Financial Reports and the review of the Wedding Policy by the Finance and Administration Committee
- Approved continuing to print bulletins “in-house”
(NOTE: Doing this saves approximately 1/3 of the cost of buying bulletins, but donations to offset the cost of color ink are still necessary.)
- Discussed coverage of custodial duties for two weeks in September while Ed Tonkinson goes to China to pick up new family members Ty and Knox
- Were reminded of the LOGOS Encounter being hosted here on October 10
- Approved changing Rev. Meta Cramer's final vacation time for the year from October to September 6-13, and approved Ruling Elder Ruth Cole and Teaching Elder Dan Schomer as guest preachers for those Sundays
- Approved changing communion dates from December 6 to November 29 and from September 6 to August 30
- Reviewed procedures for the annual review of staff by the Personnel Committee
- Heard that meetings of Troop 3 will resume on August 24
- Heard report from Ruling Elder Alice Jackson on the Special June 25 Presbytery Meeting
- Approved Elder Mark Flake to participate, along with Meta Cramer, in the Presbytery Mission Design Team's Focus group on August 25
- Elected Rebecca Hively (and Carol Ricciardi as alternate) as commissioner to the September 8 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery
- Heard a report on the “Big Tent” from Meta Cramer, inclusive of opportunities to be engaged in Presbyterian World Mission

It was recently announced that Pope Francis has declared September 1 as the annual day of prayer “for the care of creation.” He is encouraging all people to “reaffirm their patronal vocation to be stewards of the earth.” How exciting! Isn't it heartwarming to know that we, at First Presbyterian Church Salem, are in company with so many others in our concern for the care of our world! Lets' join them in saying a prayer for our earth and take it 1 step further. Remember to put those reusable grocery bags in your car so you won't be bringing home anymore plastic bags. Remember to take along and use your reusable coffee mug that day and everyday. Ask for an alternative to the Styrofoam carry out container. All these “little” acts by many people, add up to a BIG difference in caring for God's beautiful world. . . .*From the Recycling Interest Group*

August

Happy Birthday!

Ona Mae Erath (25), Margaret Gibbs (31)

30 / Sun



8:30 Morning Worship in the Chapel
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship in the Sanctuary
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 Kick-Off (FH)

September

Happy Birthday!

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

1 / Tues

9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)

2 / Weds

12:00 Daytimers (FH) - Program:
10th Anniversary of Daytimers: David Stephens

3 / Thurs

7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
7:00 Committee Night:
Christian Education (106)
Mission I and S (FH)
Property and Maintenance (107)
Worship, Music and the Arts (109)

4 / Fri

9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)

6 / Sun

9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship in the Sanctuary

7 / Mon

Labor Day
Church Office Closed  **HAPPY LABOR DAY**

8 / Tues

3:00-7:00 Eastminster Presbytery Meeting at
Westminster PC in Boardman
6:45 Preschool Orientation

9 / Weds

4:30 Bell Basics (200)
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

10 / Thurs

7:00 Finance and Administration (110)

13 / Sun

9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship in the Sanctuary
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

14 / Mon

Preschool Visitation
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)

15 / Tues

Preschool Visitation

16 / Weds

Preschool Day I for M/W/F Class
4:30 Bell Basics (200)
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

17 / Thurs

Preschool Day I for T/Th Class
7:00 Session (107)

18 / Fri

9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)

20 / Sun

9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship in the Sanctuary

21 / Mon

6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

23 / Weds

4:30 Bell Basics (200)
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

26 / Sat

1:00-5:00 Baby Shower (FH)

27 / Sun

9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship in the Sanctuary
4:30 LOGOS (107)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)

28 / 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 — canned soup, small jars of peanut butter, personal hygiene items, and plastic 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