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# The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:15 Sunday School - *Classes at 9:30 a.m.*  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)  
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

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## December 7 — The Second Sunday of Advent



Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Mark 1:1-8  
Sermon: *"Tidings of Comfort and ...?"*  
Liturgist: John Tonti  
Music: Haviland Choir; Carillon Ringers — *The Little Drummer Boy and Sheep and Shepherd Medley*

*A Congregational Meeting for the sole purpose of the election of officers will be held immediately after worship.*

*Pastor's Open House: 3-7 p.m.*

## December 14 — The Third Sunday in Advent



Scripture: Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 11:1-8; Isaiah 35:1, 5-6, 10; Luke 1:26-33; Luke 2:1-14; Matthew 2:1-6; John 1:1-5  
Music: Haviland Choir — *The Mystery and the Majesty*, a cantata by Joseph M. Martin

*A reception and the Presbyterian Women's annual Basket Raffle to benefit local mission will be held immediately after worship.*

Dear Friends,

In this season of giving, when we very generously support a number of local projects, please remember the Christmas Joy Offering, a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930's. It is very *clear* how the donations received for this Offering are used:

- One half of the Offering supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic school and colleges. Through this support, these schools offer an opportunity to young adults to advance their education and escape the cycle of poverty and prejudice.  
*A 1986 graduate of the Presbyterian Pan American School in Texas says, "No matter how big or small the donation, those who contribute should know that they are doing something good. It's more than an opportunity for education; it's an opportunity to expose a child to the Christian faith."*
- The other half of the Offering goes to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions where it is used to assist pastors, missionaries, and church workers -- active *and* retired -- who have special financial needs.  
*A retired pastor whose wife developed Alzheimer's disease was able to move into a Presbyterian senior living community through a Housing Supplement. He says, "The Board of Pensions saved my life. Without their help, I'd be out on the street."*

Please give prayerfully and generously to the Christmas Joy Offering.

AND... please remember that you are invited to my home on Sunday, December 7 for a time of food and friendship. This is my Christmas gift to the congregation, and Steve and I look forward to welcoming you from 3-7 p.m.  
*Blessings, Meta*

## Prayer Concerns

Salem Regional Medical Center, Skilled  
— Jim Laughlin

Others — Darla Allen (Kevin Chumney's sister), Marianne Barr (Debbie Blair's mother), Abi and Dan Cotter's granddaughters, Audrey Crawford (Linda Crawford's sister in law), Matthew Drake (Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson), Lori Dunn (Penny Lippiatt's friend), Erma Eaton, Pat Eichler, Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law), Berneda Fitch, Dave Garlock (Phyllis' husband), Debbie Goulish (Meta Cramer's friend), Sandi Hendricks, Tom Henry (Susan Merry's brother in law), Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Gary Kekel, Sue Kyser, Jean Leimbach (15100 Birchaven Ln Apt 129, Findlay OH 45840-7766), Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (Phil Tetlow's cousins), Ellen Maticik, Ben Miller (Lauren Arnold's friend), Dolly Millikin, John Peterson (Dawn Vest Peterson's husband), Sam Pridon, Tracy Rees (Penny Judge's daughter), Bob Roberts, Jr., Scot and Rory Robertson, Marie Robinson (Kim Double's mother), Dr. Marilyn Roderick (Juanita Latham's daughter), Gene Shafer, Gloria Shafer's step-dad, Lorin Shepard, Sue Sinclair, Julie Smith (Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law), Jana Stille (Steve and Kathy Stewart's daughter), Bob Stroble (Member of Eastminster Presbytery Committee on Ministry), Lana Tonkinson (Ed and Melissa's daughter), Robert Wheatley (Gloria Shafer's co-worker), Nelson Works (Lucy Works' brother)

## Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum  
Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B;  
Mary Smith (Susan Smith's mother)  
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109  
Crandall: Sally Darling; Betsy Johnson,  
251 (Tom Johnson's wife)  
Essex III: Ibby Dales, 211  
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith;  
5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI  
48059  
Sterling House: Dorothy Gibson, 303  
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett,  
201; 896 Weatherwood Lane,  
Greensburg PA 15601

Envelope Income received November 2	\$ 5,230.00
Envelope Income received November 9	\$ 5,472.00
Envelope Income received November 16	\$ 3,270.00
Envelope Income received November 23	\$ 8,932.22
Envelope Income received November 30	\$17,848.00
General Fund Balance, September 30, 2014	(\$18,909.70)
October Revenues	\$16,995.27
October Transfers in	\$ 1,883.33
October Expenses	\$24,933.38
General Fund Balance, October 31, 2014	(\$24,964.48)
Per Capita (\$32/2014 Goal: \$11,104)	\$ 2,880.00

Whispering Pines: Rolin Herron,  
146; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana  
OH 44408

## Military

FENNEMA, JOHN T. SGT  
[fennema33@gmail.com](mailto:fennema33@gmail.com)  
Paul and Barb Fennema's son

HARP, ALEX LCPL  
[alex.j.harp@gmail.com](mailto:alex.j.harp@gmail.com)  
John and Joetta Tonti's grandson

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Joan Ferrier and the family on the death of her aunt, Jessie L. (Hall) Conrad.

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Special Wishes to Janice Olmstead on celebrating her 90th birthday on December 4.



Congratulations to George and Roberta Bell on celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on December 5.

**Pastor's Open House**  
Sunday, December 7  
3:00-7:00 p.m.  
781 S Lincoln Avenue

## Christmas Poinsettias

\$7 each or 3 for \$20

\* No Color Selection \*

Orders due Friday, December 5.

## Salvation Army "Christmas Angel" Gifts

For those who took a tag from the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall, gifts should not be wrapped, but instead placed in a garbage bag with the tag affixed to the outside. Do Not Include Gift Receipts. All gifts must be returned to the church by Thursday, December 11.

*Thank You*

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers delivered by a Deacon. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Pat Eichler

Dear Meta and Session,  
Today at our Presbytery staff meeting, we prayed for the Session and Staff of First, Salem. May the peace, power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ ~

Nancy Kahaian,  
Lorraine Jones, Dale Riley

Please provide the Church Office with the names and addresses of our students, both undergraduate and graduate. The Congregational Care wishes to remember them during the holiday season.

Presbyterian Women's Association

## Basket Auction

Sunday, December 14



Proceeds for Local Christmas Mission

Tickets will be sold.

Baskets will be on display Sunday, December 7

**Children's Summer Fun** — The Mackall Family

**Family Fun Night** — Board of Deacons

**Firepit** — April Circle

**Gifting Tree** — May Circle

**Money Tree** — Congregational Care Committee

**Something for a Rainy Day** — November Circle

**Speciality Chocolates** — September Circle

**State Street Sweets and Treats** — Haviland Choir

**The Ohio State University** — The Session

## Your Session at Work

*The Session of First Presbyterian Church,  
meeting on November 20, 2014...*

- Received Tricia Wilms Jackson back into membership by Reaffirmation of Faith.
- Approved a communion schedule for 2015.
- Endorsed an outing by LOGOS Youth to Tapestries of Ohio's Boar's Head Dinner in Warren on December 6.
- Approved a request from Cub Pack 3 and Boy Scout Troop 3 to hold a LifeBanc Organ Donor Awareness program on the evening of December 19 in Fellowship Hall.
- Heard that the Nominating Committee has secured a slate of candidates for election as Ruling Elders and Deacons, and set a Congregational meeting for the election of officers immediately after worship on December 7.
- Heard that the Personnel Committee would complete annual staff performance reviews on November 23.
- Heard a report from Elder Commissioner Carol Ricciardi on the November meeting of Eastminster Presbytery.
- Decided on the theme of The Ohio State University for their basket for the raffle.
- Engaged in prayers of intercession for members and friends of the congregation.

## Youth News

### Sunday School:

9:15 a.m. — Gathering Time / 9:30-10:15 a.m. — Classes

### Together Time during Advent: Christmas Timeline

### Pres-Bees Youth Club:

Youth age 4 through Grade 5 / Wednesdays, 5:00-6:45 p.m.

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|-------------|--|
| December 3  | Regular Gathering<br>(Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Carrots)                            |
| December 10 | Regular Gathering<br>(Walking Tacos, Nachos)   |
| December 17 | Dress Rehearsal and<br>Baby Jesus Birthday Party<br>(Ham, Potatoes, Corn, Birthday Cake) |
| December 21 | Cherub and Praise Choirs sing during<br>Worship  |

### LOGOS:

Youth in Grades 6-12 on Sundays, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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| December 6  | Olde English Feaste   |
| December 14 | Bake Sale — Coffee Hour / after Worship<br>Monetary Donations needed for supplies.<br>Call Kim Double at 234-567-1752.<br>Christmas Party |

## RECYCLING

Christmas shopping is well underway. Many of us are now doing our shopping online and most every package delivered comes in a cardboard box. Before you put that box out to be picked up with the trash, please consider the following information.



- Recycling cardboard only takes 75% of the energy needed to make new cardboard.
- Recycling 1 ton of cardboard saves 46 gallons of oil.
- Over 90% of all products shipped in the US are shipped in corrugated boxes, which totals more than 400 billion square feet of cardboard.

So when packages arrive at your house, please break down the boxes and recycle them. And please take the plastic bubble wrap, packing pellets, etc. used inside the box with you because it can also be recycled.

There will be no **"Soup to Go"** in December. 2015 Soup Dates are January 25 (Vegetable), February 22 (Turkey), and March 22 (Corn Chowder). Please return your "Soup to Go" glass jars and lids to the church kitchen so they can be used again.

# December

## Happy Birthday!

Janice Olmstead (4), Joyce Smith (10), Jim Gibbs (13),  
Rita Hovis (13), Phyllis Lamb (25),  
Charles Gibbs (27), Juanita Latham (29)

- 3 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) -  
"Christmas Fun" with Nancy McNeal  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)  
7:15 Haviland Choir (S)
- 4 / 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)**
- 6 / Sat LOGOS to Olde English Feaste in Warren
- 7 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:15 Sunday School Together Time (FH)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - *Carillon Ringers*  
3:00-7:00 Open House at Meta's -  
781 South Lincoln Avenue  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 8 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 9 / Tues 12:00 November Circle - *Salem Golf Club*  
RSVP Kathie Baker or Marilyn Loudon  
5:30 September Circle - *Ezio's*
- 10 / Weds 9:00 February Circle - *Salem Hills*  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 11 / Thurs 12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (110)  
5:45 April Circle - *Ricky's English Pub*  
RSVP by December 10 to Carol Ricciardi  
**7:00 Finance Committee (107)**
- 12 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)

14 / Sun



- 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:15 Sunday School Together Time:  
*Christmas Timeline* (FH)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - *Haviland Choir Program*  
Choir Appreciation Reception  
Women's Association Basket Auction  
LOGOS Bake Sale  
4:30 LOGOS Christmas Party (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

15 / Mon

6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

16 / Tues

Preschool Christmas Party (107, FH)

17 / Weds

Preschool Christmas Party (107, FH)  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club Dress Rehearsal  
and *Baby Jesus Birthday Party for Families*  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

18 / Thurs

**7:00 Session (107)**

19 / Fri

5:30-8:30 Cub Scout Pack 3 and Troop 3  
LifeBanc Organ Donor Awareness Program  
(FH)

21 / Sun

9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:15 Sunday School Together Time:  
*Christmas Timeline* (FH)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - *Cherub & Praise Choirs,*  
*and all children who participate in Pres-Bees,*  
*Sunday School, or LOGOS will offer musical*  
*gifts during worship.*  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

24 / Weds

Church Office Closes at Noon  
7:30 and 11:00 Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Communion Services



25 / Thurs

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

26 / Fri

Church Office Closed

28 / Sun

9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - Rev. Ray Banner



## 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*