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Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
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10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

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Sunday, January 5, 2014 —
Epiphany Sunday
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6, 9; Philippians 2:12-18;
Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon: *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*
Liturgist: Rebecca Hively



Sunday, January 12 —
Baptism of Our Lord
Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-38;
Matthew 3:13-1
Sermon: *No Small Task*
Liturgist: Alli Ward



Dear Friends,

This week, I share with you words from "A Post-Christmas Prayer" by the great Presbyterian writer J. Barrie Shepherd. Do remember, though, that Christmas *continues* through January 5!

*All the waiting, those long days of anticipation,
have been fulfilled on Christmas Day with the birth of your son, our Savior.
We thank you for all the joy we have known and shared in this holy season.
We thank you that, as we have opened our hearts to your presence,
so you have come in, been born anew into our days.*

*Yet, in this season of fulfillment and genuine joy,
we must remember those whose joy is still to be fulfilled,
all those whose Advent time of expectation did not come to an end, all who still await your coming....
....all held hostage in this season by any kind of bondage whatsoever.
We pray for prisoners and their families;
we ask your strength for alcoholics and other addicts and for their families also.
Lord.... set us free for the life you have given us in Christ our Lord.*

*We think of those among us, within our circle of friends,
who still wait for your coming as the deliverer from pain or grief or loneliness...
There are those whose needs are yet more obvious; who, despite all our Christmas generosity,
still look for your coming to them in the simplest forms of bread to eat and shelter from the cold.
For all refugees....we seek your presence and your comfort.*

*And last, O God, for ourselves, those who, even in the midst of gaiety and fun and gifts galore,
know a hunger that is not yet satisfied.
Help us in the year that lies ahead to gain a new perspective on our days,
that we might seek, with your aid, the truer, lasting things of life....
thus may the year that lies ahead be a year of true renewal
through the Lord of life-renewed, our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.*

Christmas Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Darla Allen (*Kevin Chumney's sister*), Wavelene Arnold, Marianne Barr (*Debbie Blair's mother*), John Beebe (*Debbie McCulloch's father*), Lee Benson (*Lynne Peterson's son*), Ken Burrier, Marilyn Cosier (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Audrey Crawford (*Linda Crawford's sister in law*), Stella Dominic, Alex Evans (*Lucy Works' friend*), Morgan Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter*), Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's daughter-in-law*), Sandi Flake, Melissa Griffith (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Bill Hannay, Bud Hays (*Sue Merry's father*), Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Bill and Theresa Jones, Lynn Kostura (*Lauren Arnold's college friend's mother*), Jim Laughlin, Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (*Phil Tetlow's cousins*), Susan McCullough (*Susan Merry's co-worker*), Helen Newman (*Jim Newman's mother*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Sam Pridon, Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Marie Robinson (*Kim Double's mother*), Connie Bowman Rowe (*Helen Hayes' friend*), Ruth and Gene Shafer, Dick Shanker, Edison Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's stepfather*), Gabriel Smith, (*Norm and Jeanne Smith's great-grandson and Mickey Buck's great nephew*), Julie Smith (*Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law*), Margaret Stewart, Makala Walker (*Lucy Works' friend's great granddaughter*), Denise Weingart, Leslie Wilson (*Noah Ferrier's mother*), Lucy Works, A Friend of Jen Sarginger, A Friend of Kathie Baker on the death of two grandchildren

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum
Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Roland and Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's parents*)
 Austintown OH 44515
Copeland Oaks: Dan Smith, Apt 1029
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*); Kathleen Kirby, 9-162 (*Gregg Rhodes' mother*); Jim Mohr, 263
Essex III: Ibbey Dales, 211
Grace Woods: Jo Hawkins, 234
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith;
 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Shepherd of the Valley: Jo Hendricks, 218;
 4100 N River Rd NE, Warren OH 44484
Sterling House: Dorothy Gibson, 303
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201;
 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA
 15601

Envelope Income received December 1	\$ 2,535.00
Envelope Income received December 8	\$ 4,043.00
Envelope Income received December 15	\$18,902.00
Envelope Income received December 22	\$21,060.00
Envelope Income received December 24	\$ 1,995.00
Envelope Income received December 29	\$ 9,492.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2013	(\$18,873.84)
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 3,207.00
Church Sign Fundraiser (\$100 / Brick)	\$ 1,500.00
Per Capita (\$32 / 2014 Goal: \$11,104.00)	\$ 2,485.00
2¢ a Meal for Hunger	\$ 12.50

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In Memoriam
 Wendell D. Dunn

Joined First Church
 March 25, 1948

Died — December 28, 2013

"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 Lois Dunn on the death of her husband, Wendell; to Vince and Suzy Anderson on the death of Vince's cousin, The Rev. Tom Armstrong; and to Geoff and Kim Goll on the death of Kim's mother, Yvonne Lorenz.

Congratulations to grandparents Lee and Susan Simon on the birth of George James Geig on December 13.

» Thank You «

Thank you to the church family for four years. I always felt so welcome in the church and part of the family. It has been hard leaving, even though it was time. The going away reception for me was so nice, and the picture was beautiful. Thank you again for the wonderful time I was part of the church.

Beth Schallick

Dear Church Family,
 Many thanks for all the prayers and cards sent during Frank's recent hospitalization for open heart surgery. Thanks also to Joan Ferrier and Sue Kyser for delivering flowers, Penny Lippiatt, and to Meta for her visits to Northside Hospital. All were greatly appreciated.

Frank and Ellen Maticik

Thank you for the lovely Poinsettia, the card signed by Pres-Bees, and to everyone that visited my dad, Dan Smith, and sent cards, flowers, and gifts and called to wish him well. He is very grateful for your outpouring of concern and support. "May all roads lead to prosperity, peace, and joy in the coming year."

Thad Smith

Thank you for the beautiful red Poinsettia delivered by Mo Hofmeister, the card from Pres-Bees, and thanks to Penny Lippiatt, Joe and Barb Marra, and Rev. Meta Cramer for their visits.

Rolin Herron

- **Offering Envelopes for 2014** are available on a table in Fellowship Hall.
- **Flower and Bulletin Donors** are needed for 2014. Vases are \$10 each and Bulletins are \$15 a Sunday. Please call to confirm standing orders.
- **Annual Reports for 2013** are due in the Church Office on Friday, January 3, 2014.
- **Per Capita Apportionment** for 2014 is \$32 per Active Member.
- **Calendars for 2014**, compliments of Stark Memorial Funeral Home, are at Sanctuary entrances and outside the Church Office.

~ Christmas Cards ~

Joy to you! May God's light shine brightly this joyful season. Blessings to you all at Christmas and in the new year! Love,

Lynn Bozich Shetzer

Christmas greetings. I am busy over here with preparations in church — 4 school services next week. My parents will come for the holiday. Nice! Best memory for me this year was a wonderful trip to Israel in June! All the best for the congregation in 2014! Send my love to friends in Salem! Love,

Anne Petterson from Oslo, Norway

(Anne was First Church's Ecumenical Visitor in 1987.)

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Due to strengthened privacy laws and hospital attempts to comply with these laws, it is difficult to gain access to information regarding hospital patients. Therefore, if you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like to receive a pastoral visit, please contact the Church Office with such information. This will enable us to be more effective in our ministry to you. Thank you for your cooperation.



“Soup to Go”

There has been talk of initiating a new project at First Presbyterian Salem. It seems our congregation loves soup -- especially home made soup -- which is the beginning point of the new project. “Soup to Go,” (the name given to the project until a better name is chosen) has been proposed for interested members who like to cook or are looking for an opportunity for fellowship. The idea is for a group of people (any and all ages, guys and gals) to get together maybe one Saturday a month in the church kitchen. They would make a different soup each month. The soup would then be available for sale the following day following the church service. Proceeds from the sales would be used for church projects or local missions. If you are interested in helping to organize or would like to help with this project, please contact the church office or get in touch with Penny Lippiatt.



Youth News

Pres-Bees Youth Club:

Children Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 5 / Weds., 5-6:45 p.m.

January 8	Regular Gathering — Celebrating Epiphany
January 15	Regular Gathering
January 22	Regular Gathering
January 26	Cherub Choir sings during Worship
January 29	Regular Gathering
February 2	Praise Choir sings during Worship

Mission Project — we will be collecting paper products, plastic silverware, dish soap, toilet paper, and SOS pads in January for St. Vincent DePaul.

LOGOS:

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

January 5	Regular LOGOS
January 12	Regular LOGOS
January 26	Regular LOGOS
February 2	No LOGOS — Souper Bowl of Caring
February 9	Serving Meal at St. Vincent DePaul
February 14	(Friday) Lock-In
February 23	“Noodles and Doodles” Dinner Fundraiser

Thank you to the bakers who helped make the LOGOS Bake Sale a success.

January 2014

Happy Birthday!

Dan Smith (3), Karl Wright (4), Jo Hawkins (8),
Jan Bethel (9), Curt Mosher (13), Terry Rufer (28)

1 / Weds

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

2 / Thurs

5:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
**7:00 CE (106), Mission (FH)
Property (107), Worship (109)**

3 / Fri

Annual Reports due in Church Office

5 / Sun

9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Sacrament of Lord's Supper*
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Boy Scout Court of Honor (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



6 / Mon

6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

7 / Tues

10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
11:00 C.O.M. South (110)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)

8 / Weds

9:15 February Circle (Salem Hills)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)

9 / Thurs

7:00 Finance and Administration (110)

10 / Fri

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

12 / Sun

9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) -
Ordination and Installation of Elders/Deacons
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

13 / Mon

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

14 / Tues

8:30 am Investment Committee (107)
12:00 November Circle (Annabell's)

15 / Weds

5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)

16 / Thurs

7:00 Session (107)

18 / Sat

12:00 Volunteer Appreciation Lunch for
Salem Community Pantry (FH)

19 / Sun

9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:30 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

20 / Mon

No Preschool

22 / Weds

Preschool Vision Screening
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)

24 / Fri

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

26 / Sun

9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Cherub Choir*
Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

27 / Mon

6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

29 / Weds

5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)

30 / Thurs

Preschool Pajama Party — Th/F

February

Happy Birthday!

Mary Frances Breit (2), Jim Hollinger (7)

2 / Sun

9:00 Sunday School; Adult Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Sacrament of
Lord's Supper; Praise Choir*



3 / 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, and personal hygiene items.
Place items in box on stage. Thank you!**

Worship Schedule on TV

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

Cable TV Channel 9 / Schedule Subject to Change