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# The Presbyterian Messenger



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

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## March 2 — Transfiguration Sunday



*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18  
2 Peter 1:16-19  
Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon: *Fire on the Mountain*

Music: Haviland Choir

Liturgist: Cheryl Kekel

## March 5 — Ash Wednesday




Noon (prior to Daytimers) and  
7 p.m.; A Family Service will be  
held at the conclusion of Pres-Bees

Scripture:  
Genesis 2:4-7, 3:19  
Psalm 90:1-10  
1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 47-49

Homily: *Ashes to Ashes*

## March 9 — First Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:10-18  
Psalm 32:5-8, 11-12  
Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon: *Don't Tempt Me*   
Music: Haviland Choir —  
*Jesus Walked this Lonesome  
Valley; Jayne Bricker, Soloist*

Liturgist: Barbara Marra

Dear Friends,

The Season of Lent is almost upon us. Since the very word “Lent” is related to the word for “Spring,” few of us will be complaining! Given the winter we’ve been experiencing, we’ve been looking forward to a “new season” for some time!

Traditionally, Lent is considered a “penitential” season when we reflect upon the quality of our lives – especially, it sometimes seems, on our shortcomings and sinfulness. But Lent began as a period of time for new Christians to prepare for baptism. Since virtually all of us are already baptized, it is a good time to remember that we have been claimed by God and “marked as Christ’s own forever.”

Our Lenten observance begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. On Ash Wednesday, we are reminded of our own mortality as we hear the words, “Remember that you are dust, and that to dust you shall return.” Recently, our Session looked at a questionnaire I’ve been working on to help with the planning of funerals and memorial services. We asked ourselves, “What would we want other people to remember *about us*?” As one of our elders put it, “If I want to be remembered in a certain way, I’d better start working on it now!” (*By the way, that questionnaire, as well as our newly-adopted Funeral Policy, is available for the asking.*) Lent doesn’t need to be a season of unhappiness or of being morbid. But it is a time to “start working” on the kind of people God calls us to be.

Beginning on March 12 and extending through April 9, there will be Lenten services every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on State Street. These are ecumenical services in which Emmanuel Lutheran Church also participates. If you are free at the lunch hour, please stop by.

I am planning a series of several gatherings called “Soup and a Show” for three Tuesdays: March 18, March 25, and April 8. We will share a simple meal, then view a film that has something to say about God’s redemption of our lives. *Please let me know if you are interested in helping to prepare soup or a comparably simple supper!*

Lent is coming. Spring is coming! And the Holy Spirit comes to transform us into the people God created us to be.

Blessings,  
Meta

## Prayer Concerns

Darla Allen (*Kevin Chumney's sister*), Wavelene Arnold, Marianne Barr (*Debbie Blair's mother*), Marilyn Cosier (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Archie Crum, Audrey Crawford (*Linda Crawford's sister in law*), Dick Dale, Regan Deloach (*Penny Lippiatt's friend's grand-daughter*), Stella Dominic, Alex Evans (*Lucy Works' friend*), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, 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, Lynn Kostura (*Lauren Arnold's college friend's mother*), Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (*Phil Tetlow's cousins*), Susan McCullough (*Susan Merry's co-worker*), Dolly Millikin, Helen Newman (*Jim Newman's mother*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Shawn Pike, Sam Pridon, Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Marie Robinson (*Kim Double's mother*), Connie Bowman Rowe (*Helen Hayes' friend*), Terry Rufer, Gene Shafer, Dick Shanker, Gabriel Smith, (*Norm and Jeanne Smith's great-grandson and Mickey Buck's great nephew*), Julie Smith (*Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law*), Makala Walker (*Lucy Works' friend's great granddaughter*), Denise Weingart (*1322 Eastview Dr*)

## Special Care Facilities

**Auburn:** Helen Hum

**Blossom:** Georgiana Costa, 204B; Roland and Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's parents*)  
Austintown OH 44515

**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

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

Envelope Income received February 2	\$ 3,760.00
Envelope Income received February 9	\$ 4,285.00
Envelope Income received February 16	\$ 2,450.00
General Fund Balance, January 31, 2014	\$10,994.63
“Pick a Brick” for new Church Sign (\$100/Brick)	\$ 3,900.00
Per Capita (\$32/2014 Goal: \$11,104)	\$ 2,144.00

## Military

FENNEMA, JOHN T. SGT  
[fennema33@yahoo.com](mailto:fennema33@yahoo.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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In Memoriam  
Daniel E. Smith

Joined First Church:  
December 20, 1942

Died:  
February 19, 2014

“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 the family of Dan Smith.



“EVENING OF THE ARTS”

Tuesday, March 11

6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Habitat ReStore

Free and Open to the Public  
featuring

Local Artists and Musicians from  
Salem School District and Community



Sundays: March 2 and 9

Daffodils, Hyacinths,  
Lilies, Tulips — \$8 each

Order in Fellowship Hall during  
Coffee Hour or through Church Office  
during the week.



Thank you to everyone for all your prayers and concerns during my recovery period from my 10th back surgery. The flowers that were delivered on various Sundays really helped lift my spirits. Thanks so much to everyone for thinking of me.

Sandi Flake

Thanks to all of you in our church family — for your prayers and thoughts, cards, and to Meta for her prayers and words of encouragement! We are all blessed with each and every one of you in our church family who have helped each other through difficult times. GOD BLESS OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

Penny Lippiatt

A special note of thanks to all who donated items and gave money (\$226.10) for the “Noodles and Doodles” Pasta Meal Fundraiser by the LOGOS youth this past Sunday. Please check out their art work in Fellowship Hall.

Kim Double



## DAYTIMERS: MARCH 5

Following Noon Ash Wednesday Service  
Eating at 12:30

Lou Raymond presents *Collection of Antique Music Boxes*

### Your Session at Work

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

- approved a request from John Krauss to host a concert on July 27 by Andy Schuller and Vickie Schaeffer to benefit The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center-James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute.
- received correspondence from the Salem City Council thanking us for our donation to the Salem Police Department from the 2013 Peacemaking Offering (see copy elsewhere in this Messenger).
- approved the Church's participation in the 2014 Apostles' Build for Habitat for Humanity. This is a commitment to raise \$5,000 and to provide volunteer assistance.
- in keeping with the Church's Permanent Fund Policy, approved the distribution of \$120,000 from the Permanent Reserve Fund to the Temporary Restricted Funds. This amount represents a portion of income from interest and capital gains in 2013.
- heard that soup will be made on March 8 and sold for take-out on March 9 under the auspices of the Congregational Care Committee.
- reviewed the progress of contributions toward the sign project.
- engaged in intercessory prayer for members and friends of this congregation.

### Please Keep Us Informed

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.



## Youth News

### Pres-Bees Youth Club:

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

February 26	Regular Gathering
March 2	Cherub Choir sings during Worship
March 5	Regular Gathering — includes Family Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m.
March 12	Regular Gathering
March 16	Praise Choir sings during Worship Praise Chime Choir plays during Worship
March 19	Regular Gathering
March 26	Regular Gathering
March 30	Cherub Choir sings during Worship

Mission Project — we are collecting paper products (napkins, paper plates, plastic silverware, paper towels, paper cups for hot and cold beverages), dish soap, toilet paper, and SOS pads for St. Vincent DePaul. You can place them in the box on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

### LOGOS:

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

March 2	Regular LOGOS
March 9	Serving Meal at St Vincent DePaul
March 16	Regular LOGOS
March 23	Regular LOGOS
March 24	Serving The Banquet of Salem at 4:30 p.m. (We will present the Souper Bowl of Caring money this night)
March 30	Photo Night

### Preschool Thank You and Information

**Thank you** to Jeremy, Julie, Luke, and Elena Mackall for the wonderful sign on the church's front lawn, drawing attention to our celebration of 70 years of preschool education. Jeremy contacted the necessary people to have the sign designed and made. He then put it in the lawn himself a few weekends ago when the temperature went above freezing. The Mackall family donated the sign for the Preschool. Thank you so much! The staff and children of the Preschool truly appreciate all you do for us!

The Preschool has a **Staff Opening** for the 2014-2015 school year. The position is as a Team Teacher for the Junior Class (3 year olds) with one or two classes held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The salary is minimum wage. Please contact Sue Skiba with a resume if you are interested.

Anyone interested in ordering **Pepperoni Rolls** (Spring Fundraiser) should contact Sue Skiba. Orders and money due by Friday, March 7.

# February

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

# March

## Happy Birthday!

Rolin Herron (8), Marty Hollinger (9), Jim Mohr (10),  
Shirley Devan (14), Ellen Tetlow (16), Joe Marra (21),  
Sam Pridon (21), Suzanne Cain (24),  
Dick Shanker (24), Dick Dougherty (26)

2 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - *Sacrament of Lord's Supper*  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



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

4 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**

5 / Weds 12:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)  
12:30 Daytimers (FH)  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)  
7:30 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:30 Men's Study (110)



6 / 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 Arts (109)**



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

8 / Sat **Turn Clocks**  
**Ahead One Hour**



9 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
LOGOS serving Meal at St. Vincent DePaul  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

10 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Congregational Care (107)**

11 / Tues 12:00 November Cir (Annabell's Restaurant)

12 / Weds 9:15 February Circle (Salem Hills)  
9:30 March Circle (110)  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

16 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) *followed by*  
*Soup and Bread Lunch (FH)*  
Finance Committee after Lunch (110)  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



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

18 / Tues "Soup and a Show" Gathering (107)

19 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

20 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107)**

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

23 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

24 / Mon 4:30 LOGOS serving Banquet of Salem at  
Salem Memorial Building  
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 on cart at north entrance.**

## Worship Schedule on TV

Sunday — 1 & 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

Cable TV Channel 9 / Schedule Subject to Change