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Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m. Worship

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February 12 — The 6th Sunday after Epiphany



Scripture: Isaiah 43:18-25; Psalm 41:1-3, 10-13; Mark 2:1-12
Sermon: "Get Up and Get Going!"
Music: Cherub and Haviland Choirs
Liturgist: Judy Herron

Valentine

POT LUCK



5:30 / Fellowship Hall
Bring jar of Peanut
Butter for Pantry

February 19 — Transfiguration of the Lord

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



Scripture: Psalm 27:1, 4-9a, 13-14; Mark 9:2-9; John 1:1-9
Sermon: "Just One Candle!" — The Rev. Ray Banner, preaching
Music: Praise and Haviland Choirs
Liturgist: Cara Stephens

Dear Friends,

On February 3 and 4, six members of this congregation and I attended the first event in the Spiritual Strategic Journey process which our Session has chosen to undertake along with four other churches in Eastminster Presbytery. Paul Fenema, Lynne Peterson, Mark Smith, Denise Weingart, Sis Winch, and Lynn Zocolo spent that time "telling the story" of First Presbyterian Church and preparing to lead *all* of us on this journey under the guidance of consultant, George Bullard.

The purpose of the Spiritual Strategic Journey is to allow God to pull us toward our "full kingdom potential." Denise pointed out that we might compare this to a tractor pull: each tractor pulls a load as far as possible, and those who achieve a "full pull" participate in a "pull-off" for which the *target moves*.

We live in a time and in a community where the target keeps moving. The church is very different than it was in the 1950's. Salem is different, too. Our "moving target" is to be the church God is *pulling* us to be in this place and this time. We aren't going into this with preconceived ideas of what our "full kingdom potential" is. We *are* starting this Journey confident that God has a vision for us and that we are strong and healthy enough to pursue it with joy and enthusiasm.

The Journey starts with prayer. Our team invites you to participate in the "Spiritual Season" of our Journey during the seasons of Lent and Easter, a period of about 3 months. On Sunday, February 26, our team will serve a simple soup lunch after worship. Please come to share fellowship and to hear how we hope that you will pray with and for our congregation. We think that you will find it exciting!

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Community Care Center — Rosann Butler
(138) 200 E State St, Alliance OH 44601

Vibra Hospital — Rev. Jack Austin
8049 South Ave, Boardman OH 44512

Others — Wavelene Arnold, Dan Crawford (*Linda Crawford's brother*), Stella Dominic, Barbara Double (*Ken Double's mother*), Brad and the Rev. Bonnie Dutton, Morgan Fennema (*Paul and Barb Fennema's granddaughter*), Ruth Garvey (*Angela Milligan's mother*), David George (*Mary Frances Breit's son-in-law*), Margaret Gibbs, Ruth Gould, Alberta Herron, Hayden Johnson: www.caringbridge.org/visit/haydenjohnson, John and Jean Martsolf, Char McDevitt, Pat Milligan (*Jim Milligan's mother*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's mother*), Gene Shafer, Lorin Shepard, Brian Smith (*Dan Smith's grandson*), Roland Smith (*Susan Smith's father*), Karlie Stith (*Harvey and Sally Mason's great grand-daughter*), Teresa Turney (*Dolly Millikin's daughter*)

Missionary Yvonne Goll and newly formed non-profit "Saving Innocence", addressing the issue of sex trafficking, ages 11-17, in Los Angeles; www.savinginnocence.org.

Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Jack Hovis (406)

Briarwood: Norman Pim, 601;
3700 Englewood Dr., Stow OH 44224

Canterbury Place: Tom Smith, 508;
310 Fisk St., Pittsburgh PA 15201-1708

Clare Bridge of Austintown: Bill Butler (*Pat Butler's husband*); 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd, Austintown OH 44515

Copeland Oaks: Chet Roof, 6-202; Polly Kendall, 8-103, John and Jean Martsolf, 7-421

Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109; Betty Potter, 202 (*Helen Hayes' mother*); Linda Tonti, 209 (*John Tonti's mother*)

Crandall: Marilyn Clark, 185; Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*)

Essex 3: Iby Dales, 211

Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234

Pleasant View North Retirement Center: Helen Hum

Sterling House: Dorothy Gibson

Vista Center, Lisbon: Virginia Calabrese (*Dawn Billham's grandmother*)

Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201;
896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601

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Financial Report

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Envelope Income received January 1	\$ 7,214.00
Envelope Income received January 8	\$ 6,279.00
Envelope Income received January 15	\$ 2,055.00
Envelope Income received January 22	\$ 4,560.00
Envelope Income received January 29	\$ 4,575.00
General Fund Balance, December 31, 2011	\$23,564.98
Per Capita (\$30 / 2012 Goal: \$12,090)	\$ 1,320.00
Christmas Joy	\$ 25.00

Armed Forces

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2011 Annual Reports and Membership Directories (no pictures) are available at Sanctuary Entrances and outside the Church Office.

BULLETINS — OPEN DATES:

February 19, March 4, 11, 18,
April 15, 22, 29, May 13, 20, 27,
June 3, 10, 17; \$15 a Sunday

FLOWERS — OPEN DATES:

February 26, March 18, April 15, 29,
June 3, July 8, 15, 29; \$10 a vase



Thank you, Marilyn Ward, and the rest of the Finance Committee for "pitching in" after my defibrillator discharged. Hopefully the change in my meds will correct the situation and I will be back shortly. Thanks again, Finance Committee. — *Lorin Shepard*

Thank you for the items donated for our Quiet Time bags. The kids really appreciate it. — *Kim Double, DCE*

Dear Presbyterian Friends, Thank you so much for bringing me the beautiful flowers when I had my knee replacement. You were kind to visit me in the hospital, Dick, and I really appreciate your coming. Sincerely,
Margaret Gibbs

Race for The ROC

Michael McCulloch is the organizer of "The Race for the ROC" which will take place on Saturday, June 9 at Waterworth Memorial Park. This 5K Obstacle Race will benefit the ROC of Salem, the non-denominational youth center located in the old Romanian Orthodox Church building on South Lundy. The ROC has been reaching an increasing number of youth aged 14-20. Visit www.racefortheroc.com and consider registering to participate in the Race, serving as one of the many volunteers who will be needed, or even being a sponsor. Debbie McCulloch is also a member of the Race Committee.

Lenten Worship

2012 Shared Lenten Services

*“Christ in the Strangest Places -
Fulfilled, Foreshadowed, Forever”*

A Series of Special Services for Lent

Wednesday, February 29 at St. Paul CC

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch — *Holy Trinity*

12:30 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity*

7:00 Lenten Service — *St. Paul Catholic Church*

Wednesday, March 7 at First Presbyterian

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch — *Holy Trinity*

12:30 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity*

7:00 Lenten Service — *First Presbyterian Church*

Wednesday, March 14 at Emmanuel LC

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch — *Holy Trinity*

12:30 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity*

7:00 Lenten Service — *Emmanuel Lutheran Church*

Wednesday, March 21 at First Presbyterian

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch — *Holy Trinity*

12:30 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity*

7:00 Lenten Service — *First Presbyterian Church*

Wednesday, March 28 at Holy Trinity

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch — *Holy Trinity*

12:30 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity*

7:00 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*



As we start our third year at the Salem Community Pantry, we thank you for your monetary support during 2011 of \$5,482.

It is because the people of the community have been so generous that the pantry has been able to help over 4000 people in 1400 families. Some of the families have visited more than once during the year with more than 25,000 people served during the calendar year.

We have grown as a group offering generous food supplies to families. We have also tried to make it easier on our volunteers by adding a van to travel to Second Harvest and a forklift to save the backs of those same volunteers while unloading and moving the food. Expenses to keep the facility operating for the public three times a week and to keep the food stocked on the shelves are a constant challenge. Thank you for helping to make it happen.

The annual meeting of the Salem Community Pantry will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Education Building, 251 S. Broadway. Everyone in the community is invited to hear the accomplishments of the past year and the plans for the upcoming year. Please join us to see how your donation is helping.

Thank you again for your support, and the Board of Directors hopes to see you on the 9th of February.



Sincerely,
Jackie Berthold, Treasurer

P.S. We are in urgent need of canned soup, small jars of peanut butter, and personal hygiene items. Please place in box on stage.

Our Church History ...

From the Messenger, February 21, 1932: 42 young people enrolled in the pastor's pre-communion class last Sunday. There are still others. Invite them to come. We ought to know more about our church and what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Rev. Arthur C. Walter will speak to the class this Sunday. The class continues up to Easter Sunday.

From the Messenger, February 10, 1952: A special Congregational Meeting is called for Sunday, Feb. 17, immediately following the Church Service, to deal with any problems relative to the minister's recall to active service in the Navy.

From the Messenger, February 22, 1962: New Minister for Foster Church

The Presbytery of Mahoning, at its meeting last week, approved the call of the Foster Memorial Church in Youngstown to the Reverend James Latham, a member of the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas in Pennsylvania Synod. The Foster Memorial Church has been without a minister since Rev. Ernest Toth resigned late in 1961 to serve with Ohio Synod Homes near Cincinnati.



From the Messenger, February 27, 1972: The Haviland Choir is preparing Lenten and Easter music, and all members are urged to come to rehearsals.

From the Messenger, February 4, 1982: The Presby "Lunch Bunch" will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday after church to have lunch together. Everyone is welcome to come along.



February



- 7 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Book Study (107)
- 8 / Weds 9:00 February Circle
9:15 March Circle (110)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 9 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (107)
7:00 Finance Committee (107)
- 12 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Cherub Choir*
5:30 Valentine Potluck Dinner (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- POT LUCK**

- 13 / Mon Preschool Valentine Parties (FH) - M/Tu
5:00 Book Study (107)
6:30 Board of Deacons (107)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:30 Congregational Care (107)
- 15 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 16 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
- 19 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In/Prayer (FH)
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Praise Choir*
Rev. Ray Banner, preaching
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
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- 20 / Mon No Preschool

- 22 / Weds 12:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club — *including Family Ash Wednesday Service at 6:25*
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
7:30 Haviland Choir (S)
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- 23 / Thurs 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
7:00 Session (107)

- 26 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
Simple Soup Lunch following Worship
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
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- 27 / Mon 5:00 Book Study (107)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

- 28 / Tues Preschool 2012-2013 Registration (FH)

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



March



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

- 1 / Thur 9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
**7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),
Mission I & S (FH), Property (107),
Worship/Music/Arts (109)**
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)

- 4 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In/Prayer (FH)
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Cherub Choir*
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

Salem Community Pantry

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

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Monetary donations should be made out to:

Salem Community Pantry / PO Box 222, Salem OH 44460

Worship Service Schedule

Cable TV Channel 9 / *Schedule subject to change
Sunday – 2 a.m.* / Tuesday – 12:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 4:00 a.m.*, 4:00 and 9:00 p.m.

Friday – 4:00 a.m.*, 4:00 p.m.* / Saturday – 2:00 a.m.*