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Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School for all Ages
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

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Sunday, January 15 - The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Installation of Officers



Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm 40:1-5, 9-11
I Corinthians 1:3-18

Sermon: *Servants of the Servant*
Liturgist: David Stephens
Music: Haviland Choir

Sunday, January 22 The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Ruling Elder Elsie Dursi, preaching



Scripture: Exodus 1:15-2:4
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 25:1-10

Sermon: *Who? What? and, most importantly, How?*
Liturgist: Marilyn Ward
Music: Cherub and Haviland Choirs

Dear Friends,

This next Sunday we will be installing three Ruling Elders and four Deacons to active service on the Session and Board of Deacons. There will be no service of ordination, since all have been previously ordained to these offices in the Church. During any service of ordination/installation, we hear these words:

Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling elders, and as teaching elders [also known as Ministers of Word and Sacrament]. Ordination assures that Christ's ministry continues among us, providing for ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.

To my knowledge, the Presbyterian family of churches is the only one that ordains church leaders who are not clergy. In fact, a hallmark of Presbyterianism is that there is always parity between teaching elders (ministers) and ruling elders (those who serve on Sessions). We take leadership in the church very seriously!

Years ago, I was a member of the Board of the Mahoning Valley Association of Churches. When a name was presented for nomination as the new Executive Director, someone asked, "Is she ordained?" We Presbyterians smiled at each other, because we knew that Elsie Dursi was and is an ordained Ruling Elder. This was a "teachable moment" as we explained to the others that Presbyterians don't limit ordination to the clergy. I hope that you will come to hear Elsie as she preaches for us on January 22. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Youngtown and has many years of experience of service to both church and community. (And she's been to our worship services a few times... the redhead who's as tall as I am!)

Please pray for all church leaders – those in our own congregation and community as well as those throughout Eastminster Presbytery and the whole Church of Jesus Christ. Pray that we will fulfill that most beloved of ordination questions:

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Denny Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Ariel (*Dollie Millikin's relative*), Paul Bailey, Eddie Broome (*Sally Collins' brother-in-law*), Sandy Byers (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Helen Dorff (*Lucy Works' friend*), Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Nova Eichler, Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Berneda Fitch, Pat Garick, Dwight Guthrie (*Meta Cramer's cousin*), Richard Hack (*Kathie Baker's nephew*), Charles Hamilton (*Rich and Pat Eichler's nephew*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Sue Kyser, Hannah Lanza-Roth (*granddaughter of Cheryl and Gary Kekel*), Brenda Lipp, Ricki Looser (*Jan Jones' friend*), Russell Loudon, Larry Lozier, Anne Lutz (*Jan Jones' friend*), John Martsof, Don Palmer (*Rich Eichler's uncle*), Gary Prior (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), John (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Clarence and Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's parents*), Charity Ricciardi (*Carol Ricciardi's daughter-in-law*), Maria Ricciardi (*Carol Ricciardi's mother-in-law*), Gary Richards, Dale Riley (*Stated Clerk of Eastminster Presbytery*), Ally Ripley, Marie Robinson (*Kim Double's mother*), Steve Rozeski (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Leroy Sanor (*Beverly Mosher's neighbor*), Gene Shafer, Tom Shafer and Carol Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's husband, mother*), Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's daughter*), Jerry Toot (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Ronald White, Anna Williams (*John Barnett's friend's mother*), Lauren Work (*Paul and Fredda Work's daughter-in-law*), Ruth Wright (*Ann Sandrock's friend*), Kristina Yonker (*Barbara Yonker's daughter-in-law*)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: MaryLou Timmins
Birchaven Village: Jean Leimbach, 124; 15100 Birchaven Ln, Findlay OH 45840
Brookdale Salem: Pat Butler, 305; Dorothy Gibson, 303
Brookdale Austintown: Henry and Dottie Zimmerman; 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd 44515

Envelope Income received January 1	\$ 2,565.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2016	\$ 8,745.84
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 2,174.00
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 480.00

Courtyard: Janice Olmstead, 301 Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251
Inn at Ironwood: Norman and Jeanne Smith, 106; 6699 Ironwood Blvd, Canfield OH 44406
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221; Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Lake Vista at Cortland: Margaret Sheets, Apt 105; 303 North Mecca St, Cortland OH 44410
Village at Westerville: Bruno and Kay Stanga; 215 Huber Village Blvd, C100, Westerville OH 43081
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601
Whispering Pines: Rolin Herron, 126; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Norman and Jeanne Smith and Mickey Buck and the families on the death of Jeanne's sister and Mickey's aunt, June Raddick.

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Flower and Bulletin Donors are needed for 2017. Vases are \$10 each and Bulletins are \$15 a Sunday.

Offering Envelopes for 2017 are on the stage in Fellowship Hall. If you have not had envelopes, but would like a box, please call the Church Office.

Ushers are needed for Sunday Worship. Please call Ruth Newman if interested.

Worship Services can be seen on *You Tube*, www.youtube.com and search for FPCSALEM

Thank you

Thanks so much for the beautiful Poinsettia Rich Eichler brought me from the Church the other day.

Doreen Dunn

Thank you for the lovely Poinsettia delivered to us by Joan Ferrier. We enjoyed her visit so much and also the yummy cookies she brought for us. We feel blessed to have such a caring church family.

Sincerely,

Jean and Bill Hannay

Presbyterian Women's Association

Coffee Hour — Thanks to all our ladies and gentlemen who are so willing to help with Coffee Hour. Thought I would start adding a short article to help remind you of the date you chose.

Jan. 15 - Julie Mackall~Tricia Jackson
 Jan. 29 - Nova Eichler~Teri Pike
 Jan. 29 - Lori Mickey~Jayne Bricker
 Feb. 5 - Kim Double~Janet Chumney

Please remember to check ahead of time for creamer and punch in the refrigerator. There is some leftover quite often.

Again, thanks for your time and help. Any questions, please call me.

Janet Chumney
 Coordinator of Cookies

Booklet - We need to update the Presbyterian Women's Circle booklet. Please give Phyllis an updated list of your circle members so booklets can be made for 2017. Thanks,

Jenny Wilms, Convener of SFPCWA

Soup-to-Go

Sunday, January 29



Volunteers who can help make this month's soup on Saturday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m. should contact Barbara Yonker or the Church Office. Soup to Go will be available on Sunday, January 29 immediately following Worship for \$5 a quart. Remember to return glass jars and lids so they can be used again.



In February, Mickey Buck will be traveling to Honolulu, Hawaii to participate in a **Habitat for Humanity Global Village Build**. Mickey is paying for her own flight, but can accept donations to cover lodging, transportation and meals in Hawaii. In addition, a portion of the money raised will go toward the building of the Habitat home.

Homelessness in Hawaii remains a reality for a considerable number of individuals and families. The number of homeless has been increasing at a rate of 6% per year. The median house price in parts of Hawaii is \$275,000, which is not affordable to most of the local workforce. In the most rural areas, almost 20% of the dwellings listed by the Community Development Corporation consist of tents, yurts, lava tubes, and cargo containers.

You can donate directly to Mickey, or you can donate through the Church and your gift will be properly channeled to her. A gift of whatever size will let Mickey know that her church family is "with her" on this very worthwhile adventure.

Per Capita is an assessment paid to General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery for each member of the congregation. Per Capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better elders and ministers. It is how Presbyterians discern God's call in their lives. The Per Capita Apportionment due for the year 2017 for First Presbyterian Church in Salem is based upon reported active membership at the end of the year 2015, which was 311. The amount for each active member is \$32.00.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, January 29 - immediately
following 10:30 Worship

Reports will be available on
Sunday, January 22.



Youth News

Sunday School: 9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Teachers - Kim Double, Julie Mackall, Cara Stephens

Pres-Bees Youth Club: 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays
Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 / Choir, Lesson, Craft, Dinner

January 11	Regular Gathering Chicken Nuggets, Fruit Cocktail, Corn
January 18	Regular Gathering Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad
January 22	Cherub Choir sings during Worship
January 25	Regular Gathering Soft Tacos, Nachos/Salsa, Apples
January 29	Praise Choir sings during Worship

LOGOS: LOGOS at 5:00 p.m. / Youth in Grades 6-12
LOGOS Bell Choir at 4:15 in Room 200.

January 15	Regular Meeting
January 22	Regular Meeting
January 29	Regular Meeting

Earth Friendly New Year's Resolutions for 2017

- Reduce the amount of throw away items you use.
- Attempt to reuse containers/materials as much as possible.
- Remember to put your reusable grocery bags in the car and take them into the store!
- Cut down the amount of plastic that you use.
- Don't take plastic bags at the store when buying only 1 or 2 items.
- Use your reusable coffee cup at the coffee shops instead of taking their disposable cups.
- DON'T buy anything Styrofoam.
- If you use K cup coffee systems, use reusable pods.
- Be sure to recycle all of your newspapers.
- Ask for an alternative to Styrofoam carry out containers.
- Break down and recycle all cardboard boxes that come to your house.
- Share what you have learned about Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle with someone else.

SAVE THE DATE!
Valentine Potluck
Sunday, February 12

immediately following 10:30 Worship
Sponsored by Congregational Care Committee



January

Happy Birthday!

Curt Mosher (13), Terry Rufer (28)

- 11 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 12 / Thurs **7:00 Finance/Administration (107)**
- 14 / Sat 12:00-1:30 Salem Community Pantry
"After Christmas" Party (FH)
- 15 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Newly Elected Officer Training (107)
9:15-10:00 Sunday School
9:45 Special Session Meeting (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship -
Ordination and Installation of Officers
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
5:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 18 / Weds Preschool Vision Screening
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 20 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)
- 22 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15-10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - *Cherub Choir*
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
5:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 23 / Mon 12:30 Church Women United -
Luncheon and Meeting (107)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

- 25 / Weds Preschool Vision Screening
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 26 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)**
- 28 / Sat 9:00 Making 'Soup-to-Go' (K)
Contact Barbara Yonker to help
- 29 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15-10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - *Praise Choir*
Annual Congregational Meeting
Soup to Go
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
5:00 LOGOS (107)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)
- 30 / Mon 6:00 April Circle - *BB Rooners*
Contact Carol Ricciardi
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

February

Happy Birthday!

Jim Hollinger (7)

- 1 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - *Australia, Carol Ricciardi*
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 2 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),
Mission I and S (FH), Property (107),
Worship (109)**
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
- 3 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)
- 5 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15-10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
Recycling Interest Group following Worship



Salem Community Pantry

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

ITEMS NEEDED:

Peanut Butter, Plastic Grocery Bags
Place items at north entrance.

Worship Schedule on Cable TV Channel 9

Sunday – 1 and 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

Services can also be seen on **You Tube: FPCSALEM**