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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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## February 2 — The 4th Sunday after Epiphany The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper The Souper Bowl of Caring



Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4, Hebrews 2:14-18,  
Luke 2:22-40

Sermon: *Phil and Brigit and Simeon and Anna*

Music: Praise and Haviland Choirs

Liturgist: Ken Double



## February 9 — Boy Scout Sunday The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

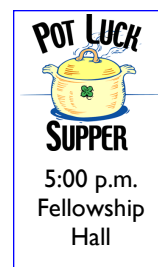
Scripture: Genesis 1:24-31  
Psalm 8

I Corinthians 3:16-23

Sermon: *Taking Care of the Temple*

Music: Haviland Choir

Liturgists: Boy Scouts



Dear Friends,

What can we say about this deep-freeze we've been in? Even those who love winter are getting tired of shoveling, arctic air, bad roads, and "snow days." Perhaps the worst effect of this kind of weather is how isolating it can be, as we choose not to venture out unless absolutely necessary. This is a good time to check in with others by whatever technology we have at our disposal. Winter will be half-way over on February 2; come hear about why that's important!

Since we are still in the first month of the year, this is also a time to say a word about this line item in the church budget known as *per capita*. *Per capita* is an assessment (not a "tax") that is based on the number of active members in each congregation. Each Presbytery collects *per capita* from each of its congregations, and then sends a portion on to the Synod and to the General Assembly. For Eastminster Presbytery in 2014, the total assessment is \$32, of which \$21.73 is retained by the Presbytery, \$3.25 goes to the Synod of the Covenant, and \$7.02 goes to General Assembly. You can watch a video (made several years ago) on what *per capita* is used for by going to the Eastminster Presbytery site at [www.eastminsterpresbytery.org](http://www.eastminsterpresbytery.org) and clicking on a link on the right side of the home page. There we learn that *per capita* supports the "infrastructure" of the Presbytery – building expenses, some staff salaries, office supplies, and other normal operating expenses. Like the church depicted in the video, we too encourage our members to make a special gift to cover *per capita* expenses each year as a way of affirming that we are a *connectional* Church that appreciates the help and support we receive from the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Speaking of Eastminster Presbytery, the Rev. Graham Standish, from whom I've taken several continuing education courses, will be presenting a workshop on "Encountering, Experiencing, and Embracing the Holy in Worship" on February 8 at the First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge. I, along with a couple members of our Worship Committee, are planning to attend this Presbytery-sponsored event which runs from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The event is free and you are invited to join us; we are asked to make reservations for lunch (also free of charge!) by January 31.

Blessings,  
Meta

## Prayer Concerns

Darla Allen (Kevin Chumney's sister), Wavelene Arnold, Marianne Barr (Debbie Blair's mother), Marilyn Cosier (Carol Ricciardi's sister), Audrey Crawford (Linda Crawford's sister in law), Dick Dale, Regan Deloach (Penny Lippiatt's friend's granddaughter), 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), Sam Pridon, Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Marie Robinson (Kim Double's mother), Connie Bowman Rowe (Helen Hayes' friend), 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  
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: Ibby 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 January 5	\$ 3,620.00
Envelope Income received January 12	\$ 4,889.00
Envelope Income received January 19	\$ 3,193.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2013	(\$18,873.84)
December Revenues	\$66,893.93
December Expenses	\$30,639.87
General Fund Balance, December 31, 2013	\$17,380.22
"Pick a Brick" for new Church Sign (\$100/Brick)	\$ 1,500.00
Per Capita (\$32/2014 Goal: \$11,104)	\$ 1,600.00

## Military

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 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



The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of our Congregation are extended to Scott Ellis and the family on the death of his father, Jack Ellis.



## "Pick a Brick"

Remember that donations are being accepted for the proposed new church sign, a drawing of which can be viewed in the Sanctuary. This sign will help us to get the word out to the community about the activities here at First Presbyterian Church in an effective yet tasteful way. You are invited to sponsor one or more bricks @ \$100. (The bricks will *not* be engraved.) However, gifts of any size are very welcome!



*Souper Bowl of Caring Collection*  
 This Sunday, February 2

Fundraising effort across the U.S. helping to tackle hunger. Spare change may be dropped in soup pots to raise money for St. Vincent DePaul and The Banquet of Salem.

## Thank You

Many thanks to Meta for her hospital visits to Bill during his most recent stay, and also to Richard Eichler for bringing the beautiful flower arrangement when he got home. It's been like a breath of spring.

*Bill and Jean Hannay*

Dear Friends,  
 Thank you so very much for your concern and compassion for our family at the sudden passing of our son and brother. The many cards and condolences we received brought a smile to our sad hearts. Thank you.

*Ruth Varkonda and  
 Lynn and Mark Zocolo*

Thank you so much for supporting our housing ministry with your generous donation! We are truly blessed to have friends like you in the community to help us end poverty housing for families in need. We thank you for giving families a hand-up, not a hand-out.

*Barbara Loudon, Executive Director  
 Habitat for Humanity*

Thank you so much for the beautiful Poinsettia. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

*Suzanne Cain*

Thank you so much for the beautiful Poinsettia delivered by Ann Topie. It warmed my heart.

*Margaret Stewart*

Thank you to Pat Eichler for her donations to the Quiet Time bags.

## Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church,  
Meeting on January 16, 2014...

- Heard that the Christian Education Committee is working toward a summer mission trip for LOGOS youth
- Was reminded of the Valentine Potluck Dinner on February 9 at 5 p.m.
- Approved Troop 3 serving a pancake/sausage brunch after worship on March 2, with proceeds going to the Church's sign project
- Approved the 2014 operating budget, inclusive of a 2% raise for church staff and an increase in mission giving
- Commended Elder Marilyn Ward for her leadership of the Finance and Administration Committee
- Approved reports contained in the Annual Report packet
- Engaged in intercessory prayer for people in our congregation and community

### "Soup to Go"

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 and make a different soup each month. The soup would then be available for sale the following day following worship. Proceeds from the sales would be used for church projects or local missions. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact the Church Office.

### Daytimers

Wednesday,  
February 5  
12 Noon  
Fellowship Hall  
Bring Covered Dish  
to Share



Program:  
Children's  
Paintings  
with  
Barbara Marra

The annual meeting of the Salem Community Pantry will be held Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Education building, 251 South 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 donations are helping.



## Youth News

### Pres-Bees Youth Club:

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

January 29	Regular Gathering
February 2	Praise Choir sings during Worship
February 5	Regular Gathering
February 12	Regular Gathering
February 16	Cherub Choir sings during Worship
February 19	Regular Gathering

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 on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

### LOGOS:

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

February 2	Souper Bowl of Caring — No LOGOS
February 9	Serving Valentine Potluck at 5:00 p.m.
February 14	(Friday) Lock-In at 7:00 p.m.
February 23	LOGOS Pasta Dinner (see below)

### "Noodles and Doodles"

Immediately following Worship  
Proceeds to LOGOS Mission Trip Fund

Homemade Meatballs with Rigatoni  
A Raffle of our talented youth's Artwork  
Face Painting ~ Silhouette Drawings

**Donations needed:** Rigatoni Noodles,  
Ragu Traditional Sauce, Ground Beef,  
Parmesan Cheese, Garlic Toast, Salad,  
Ranch, French, & Italian Dressings  
(Place in box on stage in Fellowship Hall)



**Donations for Dessert** are also needed for the Pasta Dinner on February 23. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Kim Double at 234-567-1752.

### 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.

# January

29 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
5:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I 10)

30-31 Th/Fr Preschool Pajama Parties

# February

## Happy Birthday!

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

2 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Study (I 10)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - Praise Choir  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Souper Bowl of Caring Collection  
No LOGOS



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

4 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (I 07)**

5 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - Program:  
Children's Paintings by Barbara Marra  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (I 10)



6 / Thurs 7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (I 10)  
**7:00 Committee Night: CE (I 06),  
Mission I and S (FH), Property (I 07),  
Worship, Music and the Arts (I 09)**

7 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (I 07/I 09)

9 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I 10)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
5:00 Valentine Potluck (FH) "Pasta & Pizza"  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



10 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Congregational Care (I 07)**

12 / Weds 9:15 February Circle (Salem Hills)  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
5:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (I 10)

13 / Thurs 12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (I 10)  
Preschool Valentine Party  
**7:00 Finance and Administration (I 10)**

14 / Fri Preschool Valentine Parties  
7:00 LOGOS Lock-In

16 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I 10)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - Cherub Choir  
12:00-4:00 Shower (FH)  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

17 / Mon No Preschool

19 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (I 10)

20 / Thurs **7:00 Session (I 07)**

21 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (I 07/I 09)

23 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I 10)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - Praise Choir  
"Noodles & Doodles" LOGOS Pasta Dinner  
immediately following Worship  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



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

25 / Tues 9:15 Preschool 2014-2015 Registration (FH)

26 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (I 10)

# 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)

## 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 — 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