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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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Sunday, March 17 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Deuteronomy 15:7-11, Psalm 126,
John 12:1-8
Sermon: *Down the Drain*
Music: Praise and Haviland Choirs
Liturgist: Rebecca Hively
Acolyte: Alyssa Bricker



Soup and Bread Luncheon following Worship

Sunday, March 24 — Palm/Passion Sunday

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a;
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 23:33-43
Sermon: *Mercy and Memory*
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Barbara Marra
Acolyte: Clara Double



Annual Easter Egg Hunt following Worship

Thursday, March 28 — Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. / *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper* / *Service of Tenebrae*

Scripture: Psalm 78:13-16, 23-25; I Corinthians
11:23-32; John 13:1-15, 34-35
Homily: *Recognizing the Body*



Friday, March 29 — Good Friday

12 Noon

Scripture: Psalm 22:27-31,
John 19:16b-37
Homily: *Behold the Man*



Dear Friends,

We are now deep into the Lenten Season. In less than two weeks, Holy Week will be upon us. I encourage you to take advantage of the special opportunities for worship that will be available on the evening of Maundy Thursday and at noon on Good Friday. It is not at all easy to walk the road to the cross with Jesus. Hearing the story of Jesus' Passion during the Tenebrae service is difficult. Yet, what it conveys to us is God's limitless love – love astonishing in its willingness to suffer with us and for us, love that is already ready to search for us and to welcome us in its embrace.

Two weeks ago I shared these words at a mid-day Lenten service held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church:

All of us do live in the shadow of the cross at certain times. Times of illness, unemployment, anxiety about relationships, bereavement. Times... of suffering. The cross' shadow can actually be comforting then, for we know that in Jesus, God *shared* our pain. And while that doesn't take our pain away, the cross assures us that God is in this *with us* – whatever is happening, whatever form our suffering takes. Now, not all of us suffer all the time – thanks be to God! But I believe that times of *deliberately* standing under the cross equip us for the times when we must.

The shadow of the cross gives way to the joy-filled light of Easter morning. Perhaps we never appreciate the light so much as when we've been traveling through darkness. The great good news of Lent and Easter is that in light *and* in darkness, God is with us, Emmanuel.

*Blessings,
Meta*

Prayer Concerns

Darla Allen (*Kevin Chumney's sister*), Chris Brown (*UMC Choir Director*), Ken Burrier, Steven Courtwright (*Dolly Millikin's nephew*), Dan and Audrey Crawford (*Linda Crawford's brother & sister in law*), Stella Dominic, Alex Evans (*Lucy Works' friend*), Morgan Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter*), Yvonne Goll (*Missionary in LA, "Saving Innocence"*), Ruth Gould, Bud Hays (*Sue Merry's father*), Jack and Rita Hovis (*c/o Krista Fitch, 303 North Union St, Loudonville OH 44842*), Hayden Johnson, Bill and Theresa Jones, Gary Kekel, Ron Kyser (*Ken Kyser's brother*), Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (*Phil Tetlow's cousins*), Meredith McCulloch, Ellie Parker, Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Sam Pridon, Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Connie Bowman Rowe (*Helen Hayes' friend*), Ruth and Gene Shafer, Roland and Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's parents*), Kaylin Stafford (*Mary Frances Breit's cousin's granddaughter*), Roselyn Stephens, Ann Theil (*c/o Hollis Tataseo, 1576 W Main St, East Palestine OH 44413*), Scott Theil (*Ann Theil's son*), Lucy Works, Karl Wright

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum
Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B
Clare Bridge of Austintown: Bill Butler (*Pat Butler's husband*); 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd, Austintown OH 44515
Community Care Center: Rosann Butler, 131; PO Box 2720, Alliance OH 44601
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109
Crandall: Marilyn Clark, 185; Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*)
Essex 3: Ibby Dales, 211
Grace Woods Village: 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, Warren OH 44484
Sterling House: Dorothy Gibson, 303
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601
Whispering Pines Village: Rolin Herron, 317; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Envelope Income received March 3	\$ 4,297.00
General Fund Balance, January 31, 2013	\$17,256.89
February Revenue	\$12,943.28
February Expenses	\$21,893.91
General Fund Balance, February 28, 2013	\$ 8,306.26
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 536.00
Per Capita (\$31 / 2013 Goal: \$11,966)	\$ 1,926.00

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In Memoriam
 Chester Roof

Joined First Church
 October 3, 1948

Died
 February 25, 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 the family of Chet Roof, and to Lorin and Marcia Shepard and the family on the death of Lorin's mother, Gertrude Childs.

Newborn

Congratulations to Adam and Katie Pawlosky on the birth of Francis James Pawlosky on March 3. Grandparents and Jim and Ruth Newman.

Congratulations

Best Wishes to Rolin Herron who celebrated his 90th Birthday on March 8th.

» *Thank You* «

We would like to thank the congregation for supporting the Souper Bowl of Caring which helped our LOGOS youth prepare and serve a meal at St. Vincent DePaul on March 10th. A big thank you to those who donated desserts.

Beth Schallick

**Volunteers Needed for
 our Peace Garden**
 Contact Church Office

Serving Banquet of Salem
 on Monday, April 8
 Volunteers and 35 Pies Needed
 Call Berneda Fitch or Shar Harrison

OPEN DATES FOR BULLETINS:
 April 21, 28, May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 21, 28, August 18, 25; Cost is \$15 a Sunday.

OPEN DATES FOR FLOWERS:
 April 28 (1), June 2 (1), June 9, June 16 (2), June 23 (1), June 30 (1); Cost is \$10 a vase.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus — Special Services for Lent

Mid-day services at Holy Trinity at 12:30 p.m.
Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services.
Brown Bag Lunch at Noon followed by Service

Weds, March 13 — Rev. Meta Cramer preaching
From My Contrite Heart With Tears

Weds, March 20 — Pastor Connie Sassanella preaching
I Take, O Cross, Your Shadow for My Abiding Place

~ Youth News ~

Sunday School

- Together Time through Palm Sunday
- Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 24
Toddlers-Kindergarten in Fellowship Hall with Adult
Grades 1-5 in Library / Donations Always Welcome!

Pres-Bees / Youth thru Grade 5 / Wednesdays, 5-6:45 p.m.

March 13 — Regular Gathering
March 17 — Praise Choir sings during Worship
March 20 — Regular Gathering
March 24 — Palm Sunday, Children process with Palms
March 27 — Holy Week Family Seder Meal, 5:30-6:30
Everyone is invited! RSVP by March 20

Backpack Buddies — Peanut Butter Crackers, Granola Bars, Apples, Oranges, Non Refrigerated Pudding, Jello, and Fruit Cups, Trail Mixes, Fig Newtons, Raisins, Pretzels, Yogurt Covered Snacks (place in box on stage)

Paper Products for St. Vincent DePaul — paper towels, dish and hand soap, sponges, napkins, paper plates, toilet paper (place in box on stage)

IBM Camp Fundraiser

Candy Bar Sale — \$1 each / World's Finest Chocolate

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

March 17 Regular LOGOS; Bell Practice
March 24 Regular LOGOS; Bell Practice
March 31 *Happy Easter* — NO LOGOS
April 6-7 Rummage Sale
April 7 Practice for Youth Sunday; Bell Practice
April 14 Youth Sunday — LOGOS Bell Choir plays during Worship; Pool Party, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
April 21 Regular LOGOS
April 28 Regular LOGOS

Rummage Sale on April 6 and 7:

Items may be placed on the stage on the tables behind the dividers. All donations need turned in by Monday, April 1. Money made from the sale will help fund the LOGOS summer trip.



The Season of Sharing



One Great Hour of Sharing funds have blessed the communities of Eastminster Presbytery. How?

- Four members of Eastminster Presbytery: Ruling Elder Dale Riley, Stated Clerk and a member of the Kent Presbyterian Church; Teaching Elder Herb Goetz, Pastor of the North Benton Presbyterian Church; and Ruling Elders Donna McCollum and Lynn Smith, both members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Boardman attended two days of intensive Disaster Responsive Training from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. They now form the Eastminster Presbytery Emergency Action Committee (EPEAC) and will be providing training so that the presbytery can be prepared to mobilize in case of natural or man-made disasters.
- Eastminster Presbytery received a \$12,000 grant from the Presbyterian Hunger Program as seed funds for our new incubator Farm as a training center for sustainable local farming at Joseph Badger Meadows Camp and Conference Center.
- The Self-Development of People Committee of Eastminster Presbytery receives One Great Hour of Sharing dollars as its sole source of funding. In recent years the Committee has funded two major projects – The Front Porch Café in Akron and Five Star Construction in Youngstown. The Committee meets regularly and is hoping to develop and fund a new project in the near future.

Our Church History ...

From the Messenger, March 8, 1953

Our One Great Hour of Sharing — Today is our annual special opportunity to give and share over and beyond the call of duty. It is going the second mile — doing that which we do not have to do, going farther than anyone has any right to expect, giving more than we thought we could — and that is exactly what Christ asks of us. This is the kind of giving that counts most. When we give until it hurts, we usually give where it helps. Those who know, care; those who care, share.

From the Messenger, March 10, 1983

THE PLAN OF REUNION has been ratified by enough Presbyteries in each of the two denominations to make Reunion a reality. This is a very historic time as our Presbyterian Family will be re-united after being divided since the Civil War. Both General Assemblies will meet jointly in Atlanta in June when the actual reunited Presbyterian Church will be born.

From the Messenger, March 10, 2003

The Vietnam War Moving Wall is coming to Salem May 30-June 5 through the efforts of local veterans organizations and donations from some local businesses. Local churches will help with food service for volunteers.



March

Happy Birthday!

Shirley Devan (14), Ellen Tetlow (16),
Joe Marra (21), Sam Pridon (21),
Suzanne Cain (24), Dick Shanker (24),
Dick Dougherty (26)

13 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)
9:45 March Circle (110)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Bible (110)
7:30 Finance and Administration (109)

17 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Old Testament Study (107)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - Praise Choir
Soup and Bread Luncheon (FH)
4:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



18 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
6:30 Light Supper (107/109) followed by
Spiritual Practices for Lent and Beyond



19 / Tues 6:00 April Circle (DeRienzo's Restaurant)
RSVP Grace, 330-332-8312

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

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

22 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (110)

24 / Palm Sunday 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Old Testament Study (107)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) followed by
Annual Easter Egg Hunt (FH/107)
4:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



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

26 / Tues 9:00-4:00 Quilt Guild Workshop (FH)

27 / Weds 5:30 Holy Week Seder Meal at Pres-Bees in
Fellowship Hall / All are welcome!

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

28 / Thurs 7:30 Maundy Thursday Service (S)



29 / Fri 12:00 Good Friday Service (S)
Church Office Closes at Noon



31 / Sun 8:00 Worship (S) - Sacrament of Communion
9:00 Sunday School (FH)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - Sacrament of Communion



April

Happy Birthday!

Jeanne Smith (16), Georgiana Costa (20),
Lois Herron (21)

2 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)

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

4 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night:**
Christian Education (106)
Mission I and S (FH)
Property and Maintenance (107)
Worship, Music, and the Arts (109)
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)



6 / Sat 8:00 Rummage Sale (FH) LOGOS



7 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - Rev. Ray Banner
Rummage Sale (FH) - following Worship
4:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

8 / Mon 5:00 Serving Banquet of Salem at
Memorial Building
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)

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