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The Presbyterian Messenger



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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March 25 — The Fifth Sunday in Lent



Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; John 12:20-33
Sermon: *Wearing Our "God-Glasses"*
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Barbara Marra



OGHS Goal:
\$6000

April 1 — Palm/Passion Sunday



Scripture: Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 22; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 15:33-39
Sermon: *My God, Where Are You?*
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Corey Kuhns



Easter Egg Hunt
following Worship
Toddlers — Grade 5
Parents must
be present.

Dear Friends,

It's unfortunate, I think, that the *Salem News* doesn't carry the comic strip "Mutts," which chronicles of the adventures (and philosophical musings) of Earl the dog and Mooch the cat. This morning, in one of the other local papers, Earl is standing in the front door of "his" house and his ears stand straight up as he sees the world in bloom. The only words in the strip are a quote from the poet Wallace Stevens: "Poor, dear, silly Spring, preparing her annual surprise!"

Spring always is a surprise, even though we know it's coming. And while we have few complaints about this past winter, all of us are enjoying the prematurely warm weather that *this* spring has already brought our way.

The word "Lent" refers to the lengthening of days – or, at least, of daylight – that we experience at this time of year. Lent comes as no surprise; we know that it leads up to the events of Holy Week: with Jesus' arrest and death.

But Lent comes to an end with the most wonderful of surprises, Jesus' resurrection. We have heard this story so many times that perhaps we no longer fully enter into the shock of Jesus' death or the utter joy of God raising him to new life.

I invite you to join fully in the rest of this Lenten season by worshipping on Sundays (and at our remaining Wednesday services too). I especially invite you to participate in our Maundy Thursday and/or Good Friday times of worship. I believe there is no better way to prepare for the "annual surprise" of Easter morning.

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Alliance Community Hospital — Roberta Bell (312), Rosann Butler (138); PO Box 2720, 200 E State St, Alliance OH 44601

Covington Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation — Rev. Jack Austin
100 Covington Dr, East Palestine OH 44413

Others — Wavelene Arnold, Steven Courtwright (*Dolly Millikin's nephew*), Dan Crawford (*Linda Crawford's brother*), Stella Dominic, Barbara Double (*Ken Double's mother*), Rev. Jan Douglass, 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*), Yvonne Goll (Missionary with non-profit "Saving Innocence" in LA), Dustin Gorby (*Mickey Buck's friend*), Ruth Gould, Alberta Herron, Jack Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Char McDevitt, Pat Milligan (*Jim Milligan's mother*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's mother*), Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Gene Shafer, Roland and Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's parents*), Karlie Stith (*Harvey and Sally Mason's great granddaughter*)

Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B

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*)

Emeritus: Norman Pim, 12; 4550 Hills and Dales Rd NW, Canton OH 44708

Essex 3: Ibbey 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 March 4	\$ 4,354.00
Envelope Income received March 11	\$ 5,275.00
General Fund Balance, January 31, 2012	\$25,685.03
February Revenues	\$28,437.31
February Expenses	\$24,968.61
General Fund Balance, February 29, 2012	\$29,153.73
One Great Hour of Sharing (Goal: \$6,000)	\$ 480.00
Per Capita (\$30 / 2012 Goal: \$12,090)	\$ 1,890.00

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Harvey and Sally Mason's grandson

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Judy White and the family on the death of her brother, Richard "Mick" Harrold; and to Kelli McDevitt and the family on the death of her father, Lester C. 'Bud' Harmon.

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Thank you so much for the cards and flowers for my birthday. I really enjoyed them.

Jim Mohr

Roberta and George Bell appreciate the prayers and expressions of support during Roberta's recent health concerns and hospitalization. They especially want to thank Joan Ferrier for delivering flowers to the home, and Joan Ferrier and Meta Cramer who served both George and Roberta communion while Roberta was home bound. In addition, they wish to thank Jody and Michael Karmazin who visited Roberta in the hospital bringing more flowers. The expressions of concern and love are deeply appreciated. George and Roberta wish to thank the members of the congregation for all that they do.

BULLETINS — OPEN DATES:

April 15, 29, May 13, 20, 27,
June 3, 10, 17, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
\$15/Sunday

FLOWERS — OPEN DATES:

April 15, July 15, 29, August 12,
September 9, 30, October 7
\$10 a vase

Shared Lenten Services

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

Wednesday, March 21 at First Presbyterian

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch — *Holy Trinity*

12:30 Lenten Service — *Holy Trinity*

6:30 Soup Supper — *First Presbyterian Church*

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*

YOUR SESSION AT WORK

*The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem,
meeting on March 15, 2012...*

- engaged in a time of sharing expression of gratitude for aspects of our church life;
- discussed plans by the Christian Education Committee to provide education on bullying and other interpersonal issues;
- was reminded of our goal of \$6000 for the One Great Hour of Sharing;
- approved the baptism of Braydon Matthew Grubb for Easter Sunday;
- heard that rain barrels are being strategically placed in the Peace Garden by the Property and Maintenance Committee;
- heard a report on the March 13 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery, including news of a number of upcoming events;
- heard that the Self Study Committee is planning to publish its report by Easter;
- heard enthusiastic feedback from the “Prayer Triplets” that have been meeting as part of the Spiritual Strategic Journey process;
- approved the pastor’s vacation and continuing education plans.

PLEASE READ ...

Your Deacons have purchased a DVD copier which will very quickly and easily make copies of our Sunday services for those who are unable to attend worship or who want a recording of a particular service. While many people can watch our worship on public access television, those who do not have cable or who are outside the viewing area cannot do so.



Please notify the Church Office if you would be interested in receiving copies of these DVDs, which will allow you to both see and hear our worship. If you are interested, but do not own a DVD player and would be unable to secure one, please let us know that, as well. We may still be able to help.

The Deacons are excited about this new ministry to those who cannot be present on Sunday mornings. Please help them by providing the information they need.

Our Church History ...

From the Messenger, March 23, 1972:

We can literally say “we have rolled out the red carpet” for members and friends of our parish. If you were not in worship Sunday, then this is your special invitation to share with all of us in worship on Palm Sunday! The carpet installation in the sanctuary is expected to be complete by the weekend. In addition to the installation of carpet, some rearrangement was made in the placement of the pews which provides greater ease of entry and exit from the pews and better traffic flow at the rear of the sanctuary. Side aisle widths have been increased slightly as well.

From the Messenger, March 18, 1982:

Congratulations to the Men’s Basketball team on winning the church league championship for the second straight year. Thanks to these team members and all the loyal fans: Terry Bell, Archie Crum, Jack Durham, Mel Wilms, Bud Herron, Tom Mackall, Sam Ricciardi, Tom Schmid, Paul Fennema, Chuck Wright.

JBM Camp Spring Work Day

Saturday, April 21

9 am — 3 pm

Lunch provided

If you are able to come,
call 330-772-3931
by April 19th.

Presbyterian Women

Worship and Justice

Monday, April 30

9 am — Noon

Sebring Presbyterian Church
525 N 16th St

Race for The ROC — Saturday, June 9

Waterworth Memorial Park / 5K Obstacle Race

www.racefortheroc.com

Michael McCulloch, Organizer

Used Sneaker Drive for The ROC

Collecting through June 8 / Place in Box on Stage



March



Happy Birthday!

Joe Marra, Sam Pridon (21),
Suzanne Cain, Dick Shanker (24),
Dick Dougherty (26)

21 / Weds

5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:30 Lenten Soup Supper (107)
7:00 Community Lenten Service (S)
Haviland Choir Rehearsal *following Service*
7:30 Men's Study (110)



22 / Thurs

9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F

23 / Fri

5:00 Crystal Baddeley and
Justin Crowl Rehearsal (S)

24 / Sat

10:00-11:30 Lester C. 'Bud' Harmon
Family Visitation (S)
11:30 Lester C. 'Bud' Harmon
Memorial Service (S)
3:30 Crystal Baddeley / Justin Crowl
Wedding (S)

25 / Sun

8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Sunday School Together Time (FH)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
No LOGOS
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

26 / Mon

5:00 Book Study (107)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

28 / Weds

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

29 / Thurs

9:30-2:30 Preschool (FH) - Th/F

30 / Fri

No Preschool



April



Happy Birthday!

Georgiana Costa (20), Lois Herron (21),
Norman Pim (29), Jeanne Smith (16)

1 / Palm
Sunday

8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Sunday School Together Time (FH)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
12:00 Easter Egg Hunt (FH)
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



2 / Mon

6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

3 / Tues

9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)

4 / Weds

12:00 Daytimers (FH) - *Clothing Mission* by
Judy Sell, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)



5 / Thurs

**7:30 Maundy Thursday
Service (S)**

6 / Fri

No Preschool — *Spring Break*
Church Office Closes at Noon
12:00 Good Friday Service (S)



8 / Sun

8:00 Easter Worship
9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Easter Worship



9 / Mon

No Preschool — *Spring Break*
7:00 Congregational Care (107)

10 / Tues

No Preschool — *Spring Break*

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.*