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The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School - *Classes at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

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March 29 — Palm Sunday



Scripture: Mark 11:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 15:33-47

Sermon: *The Lord Needs It*
Liturgist: Mike Newman
Music: The Haviland Choir

Easter Egg Hunt after Worship



April 2 — Maundy Thursday



7:30 p.m.
*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Service of Tenebrae, including the
Passion of Jesus Christ According to John*

Scripture: Psalm 124
John 13:1-15
Mark 14:17-25
Homily: *Be His Guest*
Music: The Haviland Choir

April 3 — Good Friday



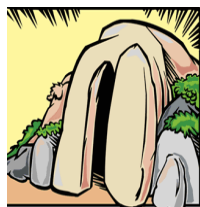
12 Noon
*This is a brief service of
Word and prayer.*

Scripture:
Psalm 22:1-11
John 19:16-30

Homily:
Into Each Other's Keeping

April 5 — Easter / The Day of Resurrection

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. / *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be shared at both services.*



Scripture: Exodus 13:17-22, Acts 10:34-43, Mark 16:1-8
Sermon: *Always a Step Ahead*
Music: The Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo, 8 a.m. / Lynne Peterson, 10:30 a.m.

Dear Friends,

Easter – the celebration of Jesus' resurrection – is the centerpiece of our faith. Without Easter, there would be no Christian faith, no Christian church. Jesus is the reason for *this* season beyond any reasonable doubt.

However, there can be no resurrection without death. Before God could raise Jesus to new life, Jesus had to die. The cross in our sanctuary is empty - because Jesus has risen -- but it is a cross, the symbol of Jesus' wondrous act of love for us.

Even if you do not worship regularly, I hope that you will be present on Easter morning at either 8 or 10:30 a.m. as we proclaim the best news ever told. And please consider attending Maundy Thursday and/or Good Friday service as we give thanks that Jesus was and is truly "God-with-us," even unto death.

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Jean Johnson, Room E125
The Brennity at Vero Beach
7975 17th Lane, Vero Beach FL 32966

Others — Darla Allen (*Kevin Chumney's sister*), Joyce Barbe (*Gloria Shafer's sister*), Marianne Barr (*Debbie Blair's mother*), Eddie Broome (*Sally Collins' brother-in-law*), Darby Jeffries Colian, Audrey Crawford (*Linda Crawford's sister in law*), Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Berneda Fitch, Debbie Goulish (*Meta Cramer's friend*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Daryl Hill, Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Gary Kekel, Sue Kyser, Jean Leimbach (*15100 Birchaven Ln Apt 129, Findlay OH 45840-7766*), Brenda Lipp, Sam Pridon (*now at Circle of Care*), Tracy Rees (*Penny Judge's daughter*), Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Scot and Rory Robertson, Dr. Marilyn Roderick (*Juanita Latham's daughter*), Gene Shafer, Gloria Shafer's stepfather, Lorin Shepard, Julie Smith (*Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law*), Jana Stile (*Steve and Kathy Stewart's daughter*), Bob Stroble (*Member of Eastminster Presbytery Committee on Ministry*), Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa's daughter*), Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Nelson Works (*Lucy Works' brother*)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum; MaryLou Timmins
Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B;
Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's mother*)
Circle of Care: Sam Pridon, 213
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109
Crandall: Sally Darling, 298; Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*)
Essex III: Ibby Dales, 215
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith;
5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Sterling House: Pat Butler; 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 March 1	\$ 3,080.00
Envelope Income received March 8	\$ 6,083.00
Envelope Income received March 15	\$ 3,480.00
General Fund Balance, January 31	\$18,694.18
February Revenues	18,034.96
February Transfers In	2,300.00
February Expenses	(<u>22,555.57</u>)
General Fund Balance, February 28	\$16,473.57
One Great Hour of Sharing (Goal: \$4,000)	\$ 1,295.00
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 2,254.00

Military

FENNEMA, JOHN T. SGT
fennema33@gmail.com
Paul and Barb Fennema's son

HARP, ALEX LCPL
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John and Joetta Tonti's grandson



LOGOS Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 18
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Refreshments

Spring Cleaning? Please place your items on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Remember, we do not accept clothing. Please have all donations in by noon on Wednesday, April 15. Money from the sale will be used to help fund the LOGOS summer mission trip. Questions? Call Kim Double at 234-567-1752.

Preschool Fundraiser

Pepperoni Rolls made by *That's A Wrap*, a café in Boardman, may be ordered by contacting Sue Skiba. Cost is \$3.00 per roll and orders and money are due by Tuesday, March 31. Delivery will be on Wednesday and Thursday, April 15-16.

Thank You

Dear Presbyterian friends and family,
Many thanks for your cards, flowers, and prayers. I miss Meta, Nancy's music and being with you all on Sunday mornings so much.
Sincerely,
Jean Johnson

Thank you to Tricia and Tyson Jackson for delivering the flowers after my surgery. I am doing very well.

Pat Eichler

What an unexpected surprise Sunday (15th) for the tribute to the memory of our daughter Sue Schmid (on her birthday). The Carillon Ringers rendition of *Amazing Grace* was "Out of this World", it was so beautiful! A BIG THANK YOU to the Carillon Ringers and especially to Cheryl McDevitt for making it all happen.

Dick and Eileen Shanker

Thank you for the cards, special thoughts, prayers, flowers, and gifts I received from my wonderful church family. Blessings to you all!

Kim Double

One Great Hour of Sharing

"God lifts up the downtrodden"
~ Psalm 147:6

Our Goal — \$4,000

Your Session at Work

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio, meeting on March 19, 2015...

- Approved the LOGOS Rummage Sale for April 18.
- Approved a Neighborhood Clean-Up Day for April 26 after worship and a light lunch.
- Approved a resolution that First Presbyterian Church will not use Styrofoam in the future due to its negative impact on human health, wildlife, and the environment. (Styrofoam currently in storage at the Church may be used for the storage of cold food.).
- Approved the establishment of a Temporary Restricted Fund to receive and manage the assets of Presbyterian Women, with Presbyterian Women continuing to determine the use of their money.
- Approved the use of Fellowship Hall for a crèche display hosted by Presbyterian Women on November 28.
- Approved the use of the sanctuary for the Lois Frost Memorial Scholarship auditions on April 18.
- Approved upgrading our security system by the addition of heat/smoke detectors.
- Encouraged continued support of One Great Hour of Sharing toward our goal of \$4000.
- Heard a report on pending amendments to the *Book of Order*.
- Rescheduled the April Session meeting for April 30 at the request of the pastor and Clerk of Session; Committee Night will still be held on April 9.
- Approved, for a date to be determined, the reception of Brad and Emily Davis into church membership upon reaffirmation of faith and the baptism of Luke Bradley Davis and Jacob Ryan Davis.

Youth News

Sunday School:

9:15 a.m. — Gathering Time / 9:30-10:15 a.m. — Classes

March 29

Easter Egg Hunt following Worship
Pre Kindergarten — Grade 1 (FH)
Grades 2-6 (Library)
Donations Needed — Thank You!



Pres-Bees Youth Club:

Youth age 4 through Grade 5 / Wednesdays, 5:00-6:45 p.m.

March 25

Regular Gathering
Walking Tacos and Fruit

March 29

Palm Sunday - children process with palms

April 1

No Gathering

April 8

Regular Gathering
Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, and Corn

April 15

Final Gathering
Hot Dogs, Chips, and Fruit

April 19

Youth Sunday
Spring Fling at Salem Community Center from 2:00-4:30



LOGOS:

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

March 29

4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir
Regular Gathering

April 5

No Gathering — *Happy Easter!*

April 12

4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir
Regular Gathering

April 17

Set Up for Rummage Sale

April 18

Rummage Sale, 9-2

April 19

Rummage Sale after Worship

April 19

Pool Party at Salem Community Center

Status of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

In previous editions of *The Messenger*, your Session has informed you of the proposed amendments coming from the 221st General Assembly. The procedure is for those proposed amendments to be voted upon by each presbytery for ratification. Adding the *Belhar Confession* to the *Book of Confessions* 114 affirmative votes; all other amendments require 86 affirmative votes, a majority of the 171 presbyteries across the country. Not all presbyteries have voted yet.

Eastminster Presbytery voted affirmatively on all of the amendments with the exception of the addition of the *Belhar Confession* (by a vote of 26-39) and Amendment F, on Marriage (by a vote of 34-36). At this date, the *Belhar Confession* has not yet garnered the necessary 2/3 vote for a change to the *Book of Confessions*. It appears that only one of the other amendments still needs more votes for ratification.

Last week it was a matter of national news that enough presbyteries have voted to assure the ratification of Amendment F, on Marriage. It is a fact that some members of our congregation are pleased by this decision, while others are distressed. This new wording will become part of the *Book of Order* beginning June 21, 2015. An Advisory Opinion from the Office of the General Assembly clarifies that the approved amendment will *allow* but *not require* teaching elders (i.e., ministers) to perform marriage services for same-gender couples *where such marriages are legal*. Similarly, the approved amendment *allows* but does *not require* sessions to authorize the use of church property for such marriage services. *As has always been the case with any marriage ceremony*, neither a minister nor a session need participate in or approve of a marriage “that is contrary to the teaching elder’s or the session’s discernment of the Holy Spirit and their understanding of the Word of God.”

March

Happy Birthday!

Suzanne Cain (24), Dick Shanker (24),
Dick Dougherty (31)

- 25 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 28 / Sat 10:00-12:00 American Red Cross Adult and
Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED
- 29 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
11:30 Recycling Interest Group (110)
Easter Egg Hunt following Worship
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting (B)
- 30 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)



April

Happy Birthday!

Roberta Bell (12), Beverly Mosher (18),
Georgiana Costa (20), Jeanne Smith (16)

- 1 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH)
Almost Lost Art of Tatting by Sandre Kille
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 2 / Maundy Thursday 7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
7:30 Maundy Thursday Service
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- 3 / Good Friday 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)
12:00 Good Friday Service
Church Office closes at Noon



- 5 / Easter 8:00 Worship (S)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School:
Classes start at 9:30 a.m.
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)



- 6 / Mon LOGOS serving Banquet of Salem at
Memorial Building
- 7 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 8 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 9 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night:**
CE (106), Mission I and S (FH)
Property (107), Worship (109)
7:00 Finance and Administration (110)
- 12 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Nancy Kahaian preaching,*
Interim General Presbyter
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting (B)
- 13 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 14 / Tues **8:30 a.m. Investment Committee (107)**
- 15 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (S)
7:00 Haviland Choir
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 17 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)
Set Up for Rummage Sale (FH)
- 18 / Sat **9:00-2:00 LOGOS Rummage Sale (FH)**
9:00 Lois Frost Scholarship Auditions (S)



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, personal hygiene items, and plastic bags.**
Place items at north entrance.

Worship Schedule on Cable TV Channel 9

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
Schedule Subject to Change