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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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Ash Wednesday — Identical Services at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Scripture: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Matthew 6:1-21
Homily: "This Small Sign, These Few Words"



Sunday, March 13 — The First Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21; Matthew 4:1-11
Sermon: "What's the Big Deal?"
Music: Cherub and Haviland Choirs
Liturgist: Jane Massa

*Sharing
Brings Joy.
To Others,
to God,
and to Us.
Goal: \$5,000*



Sunday, March 20 — The Second Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-8, 14-17
Sermon: "Fresh Starts — Who Wants Them?"
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Lauren Arnold



*Soup and Bread
Lunch
following Worship
* Donations **

Dear Friends,

The Season of Lent begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. This period of 40 days and 6 Sundays leading up to Easter morning is a time for self-examination and renewed commitment to "walking the walk" of following Jesus Christ. As previously announced, there will be Lenten services held each Wednesday as a combined effort of this Church and the Lutheran Churches of Salem. Please note the times and places of those opportunities for worship, fellowship, and learning.

Lent is also the season during which we collect the One Great Hour of Sharing. We can be of assistance to desperately needy people both nearby and around the world through this remarkable offering. In the weeks ahead, you will be receiving more information about the work accomplished by our gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Please consider your gift prayerfully.

May this Lent be, for you, a time of rediscovering just who you are — a beloved child of God, sustained and supported by the Spirit to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ!

*Blessings,
Meta*

Prayer Concerns

Salem Hospital — Ken Burrier
Community Care Center, Alliance — Celia Ryser, 174 (rehab after heart surgery)
Cleveland Clinic — Fred McNeal (*Jim McNeal's brother*)
Others — Warren Bettis, Goldie Burrier, Terry Carman (*Wavelene Arnold's brother-in-law*), Rev. Larry Chamberlain, Everett Dennison, Joe Gibson (*Barb Gibson's son*), Nancy Fawcett's nephew, Sonny Griffitt (*from Gloria Shafer's mother's church*), Bekah Hanlon (*Jo Hendrick's granddaughter*), Hayden Johnson: www.caringbridge.org/visit/haydenjohnson, Patti Johnson (*Mickey Buck's friend*), Mary Kekel (*Gary Kekel's mother*), Polly Kendall, Tink Layden, Char McDevitt, Bessie McQuiston (*Mickey Buck's friend*), Pat Milligan, Janie Mowery (*Marilyn Ward's friend*), Doris Nuckols, Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Bryan and Jennifer Milheim Ramsey and Family (*Overseas Ministry*), Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's mother*), Steve Reiter, Brenda Romack (*Friend of John Krauss and Choir*), Bill Schuller (*John Krauss' friend*), Gene Shafer, Karlie Stith (*Harvey and Sally Mason's great granddaughter*), Sis Winch

Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Barbara Double, 210
Briarwood: Norman Pim, 601 (3700 Englewood Dr., Stow OH 44224)
Clare Bridge of Austintown: Bill Butler (*Pat Butler's husband*); 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd, Austintown OH 44515
Copeland Oaks: Marilyn Clark, 2101; Chet Roof, 6202
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109; Betty Potter, 202 (*Helen Hayes' mother*); Linda Tonti, 209 (*John Tonti's mother*)
Crandall: Minnie Rhea Carter, 183F (for Rehab); Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*)
Essex 3: Ibbey Dales, 211
Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201 (896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601)

Armed Forces

† SGT Double, Casey (*Barbara Double's grandson*) 446 Canyon Dr #9 Oceanside CA 92054
 † SGT Fennema, John T (*Paul and Barb Fennema's son*); fennema33@yahoo.com

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Financial Report

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Envelope Income received February 6	\$ 6,785.00
Envelope Income received February 13	\$ 3,537.00
Envelope Income received February 20	\$ 3,931.00
Envelope Income received February 27	\$ 3,220.00
Envelope Income received March 6	\$ 3,848.00
General Fund Balance, 1/31/11	\$12,482.63
Per Capita (\$29 / 2011 Goal: \$12,963)	\$ 1,865.00

† LCPL Gibbs, Jeremy B. (*Charles and Margaret Gibbs' grandson*)
 5988 Tulagi Place
 Tarawa Terrace NC 28543
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 † SSGT Stith, Ryan (*Harvey and Sally Mason's grandson*)
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Please call the Church Office with addresses of young people who are away at school and in the military. The Congregational Care Committee will soon be making care packages.

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In Memoriam

Lois Ann Dewalt Zellers

Joined First Church
 April 12, 1959

Died — February 26, 2011

"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 Karl Zellers and the family on the death of his wife, Lois Ann Zellers; and to Mary Frances Breit and the family on the death of her sister, Elvira Bass.



Sundays, March 13, 20, 27
**Daffodils, Hyacinths,
 Lilies, Tulips**
\$7.00 each

Place Orders in Fellowship Hall
 during Coffee Hour or in
 Church Office during the week.

Cookbook Sale

Cookbooks can be purchased in Fellowship Hall for \$10 each on Sundays or in the Church Office during the week. *If your recipe is missing ingredients and/or instructions, please call the Church Office.*

Salem Mobile Meals needs delivery drivers between 11:00 and 1:00, Monday through Friday. *If you are interested and willing to undergo an orientation program, please call Jo Anna Bosel, 330-332-2160.*

BULLETINS — OPEN DATES:

March 27, April 3, 24, May 15, 22, 29, June, July 3, 17, August, September 4, 11, 25, October, November 6, 13, 27, December 4, 18, 25;
 \$15 / Sunday

FLOWERS — OPEN DATES:

April 10, May 1, 15, 22, June 5, July 10, 17, August 7, 14, 28, September 18, October 2, 9, 30, November 6, 27, December 4; \$10 / vase

More of our Church History ...

From the Messenger, March 9, 1941:

PRESBYTERIAN QUIZ

1. What do Church Operation and Benevolences cost? \$29.00 daily
2. What is this year's budget? \$10,904.91
3. How can this be raised? Only by each person doing his part
4. What should be the average pledge per family? 60¢ per week
5. How many members make no pledge? 238
6. How many members pledged last year? 500
7. How many members pledged but did not pay? 40
8. How many members paid in part only? 82
9. How many members give to Benevolence? 181
10. What is the Benevolence quota? \$3,430.00
11. How can we raise it? By designating one-third of our pledge

From the Messenger, March 11, 1941:

FATHER AND SON BANQUET

Final plans are being completed for the Father and Son banquet to be held in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. Monday evening, March 19th. George W. Bunn, president of the Men's Council, has appointed Ray Reich as chairman; Wentz Alspaugh, program; George Emeny, tickets; and John Weber, finance. Chaplain Harold Ogden has promised us an interesting talk, as is his custom, and a large crowd is anticipated. Tickets are \$1.50 for men and 75¢ for boys under 12. All reservations must be made by 6 p.m. Friday, March 16th. The dinner is being served by the January committee of the Women's Association — Mrs. Gilbert Edgerton is chairman.

From the Messenger, March 16, 1961:

YOUTH CLUB

These questions were taken from Youth Club tests given recently. How is your rating?

Grades 4-6

1. What was the Covenant God made with His people?
2. God forgave me when I sinned against Him. He made my kingdom great and promised "Your throne shall be established forever". Who am I?
3. What is it that separates us from God?

1st Confirmation Class

4. What is the consequence of sin?
5. What is Grace?
6. How may we be saved from the consequences of our sins?

2nd Year Confirmation Class

7. Define Stewardship.
8. What is the function of the Holy Spirit and how does he work today?
9. Define sacrament and how many do we have?

Soup and Bread Lunch



Sunday, March 20

Following Worship — Fellowship Hall

Donations — Christina House

Please bring items to be included in packages for our College students and Military members.

Sponsored by Congregational Care Committee

2011 Shared Lenten Services: "Unbinding the Gospel"

All mid-day services will be held at 12:30 at Holy Trinity, preceded by a sack lunch at noon.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services. Offerings will be given to the Banquet in Salem.

Wednesday, March 16th at Emmanuel

6:30 Soup Supper / 7:00 Worship / 7:30 Discussion
Theme: "Say It in Words" / Text: Isaiah 55:1-3
Homily — Rev. Meta Cramer

Wednesday, March 23th at Holy Trinity

6:30 Soup Supper / 7:00 Worship / 7:30 Discussion
Theme: "A Changing World" / Text: Isaiah 43:18-19
Homily — Pastor Alan Smearsoll

Wednesday, March 30th at First Presbyterian

6:30 Soup Supper / 7:00 Worship / 7:30 Discussion
Theme: "Connecting the Dots" / Text: Ephesians 4:13-16
Homily — Pastor Connie Sassanella

Wednesday, April 6th at Emmanuel

6:30 Soup Supper / 7:00 Worship / 7:30 Discussion
Theme: "It Isn't About Me?" / Text: Philippians 2:3-4
Homily — Rev. Meta Cramer

Wednesday, April 13th at First Presbyterian

6:30 Soup Supper / 7:00 Worship / 7:30 Discussion
Theme: "Un-muting the Mute Button" / Text: Matthew 7:7-12
Homily — Pastor Connie Sassanella



March

Happy Birthday!

Rolin Herron (8), Jim Mohr (10),
Shirley Devan (14), Ellen Tetlow (16), Joe Marra (21),
Sam Pridon (21), Suzanne Cain (24),
Dick Shanker (24), Dick Dougherty (26)

- 8 / Tues 5:00 Eastminster Presbytery Meeting at Northminster Church, Cuyahoga Falls
No Book Study
- 9 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills; Church)
9:15 March Circle (110)
12:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
5:00 Pres-Bees, including Worship (S)
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service
7:30 Men's Bible Study (110)
7:30 Haviland Choir (S)
- 10 / Thurs 9:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) — Th/F
7:00 Finance Committee (107)
- 12 / Sat TURN CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR**
- 13 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) — *Cherub Choir*
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 14 / Mon 5:00 Book Study (107) — *Altar in the World*
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 15 / Tues 10:00-5:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Book Study (107) — *Altar in the World*
- 16 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 17 / Thurs 9:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) — Th/F
7:00 Session (107)



- 20 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)
9:15 Self Study Committee (202)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship *followed by*
Soup and Bread Lunch (FH)
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



- 21 / Mon 5:00 Book Study (107) — *Altar in the World*
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 22 / Tues 6:00 April Circle (Hickory Rib;
RSVP Grace Smith)
7:00 Book Study (107) — *Altar in the World*
- 23 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 26 / Sat 10:00 Salem Music Study Club
Scholarship Auditions (S)
- 27 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship — *Praise Choir*
11:30 JBM Camp Meeting of Parents (107)
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 28 / Mon 5:00 Book Study (107) — *Altar in the World*
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 29 / Tues 7:00 Book Study (107) — *Altar in the World*
- 30 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:30 Soup Supper (107)
7:00 Community Lenten Service (S)
7:30 Lenten Discussion Groups
7:30 Haviland Choir (S)
7:30 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 31 / Thurs 9:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) — Th/F



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.*