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The Presbyterian Messenger



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9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m. Worship

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*"Love one another
as I have loved you."
John 15:12*

May 6 — The 5th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Isaiah 27:2-6; Psalm 107:35-43; John 15:1-17
Sermon: "Picking Fruit"
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Margaret Winch



Pentecost Geranium Sale

Place Orders
on Sundays,
May 6 and 13 in
Fellowship Hall or
call Church Office.

4" pot — \$2.50

Plants will grace the
Sanctuary on
Pentecost
Sunday, May 27.



May 13 — The 6th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7; I Corinthians 13:4-10, 12-13;
I John 4:7-5:1
Sermon: "Passing It On"
Music: Haviland Choir

Dear Friends,

I am sensing some renewed excitement and enthusiasm at First Presbyterian Church! Many of our Prayer Triplets met after worship on April 22 and shared their joy in forming new relationships with others and in seeking God's guidance. They also began to share their insights about where God is leading us. It was a great meeting!

An insight that was shared by almost everyone is the need to reach out to our community. One way we reach out to our community is through our ministry to children and youth. Both our Pres-Bees and LOGOS programs include young people whose families are not part of any church fellowship. We are sharing God's love with them and working to make disciples for Jesus Christ. I hope that you had the opportunity to be present in worship for Youth Sunday. Our youth's insights are profound and precious.

As the Prayer Triplets discussed community outreach, last summer's "Big Backyard" was mentioned many times. "Our Big Backyard" took place on Wednesday evenings and consisted of food, fun and fellowship. On some evenings we welcomed as many as 50 people of all ages from our neighborhood.

The Session has voted to endorse the "Big Backyard" ministry for this summer. And, they have voted to direct the "local portion" of this year's Pentecost Offering toward the funding of this program. The Pentecost Offering, a Special Offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), supports ministries to youth, Young Adult Volunteer opportunities, and child advocacy ministries on the national level. 40% of the contributions remain with our congregation and will provide food and fun for our neighborhood.



The Day of Pentecost is on May 27 this year. Please give generously to the Pentecost Offering.

Blessings, Meta

An Offering Envelope is included with this Newsletter.

Prayer Concerns

Aultman in Canton — Polly Kendall

Covington Skilled Nursing and

Rehabilitation — Rev. Jack Austin

100 Covington Dr, East Palestine OH 44413

Others — Helen Alcorn (*Theresa Jones' mother*), Wavelene Arnold, Roberta Bell, Ryan Christian (*Nancy Fawcett's friend, child*), Steven Courtwright (*Dolly Millikin's nephew*), Dan Crawford (*Linda Crawford's brother*), Stella Dominic, Barbara Double (*Ken Double's mother*), Alex Evans (*Lucy Works' friend*), 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, Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Dick and 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*), Tom Smith

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

Community Care Center: Rosann Butler,

138; PO Box 2720, Alliance OH 44601

Copeland Oaks: Chet Roof, 6-202; Polly Kendall, 8-103; John and Jean Martsof, 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 April 1	\$ 5,591.00
Envelope Income received April 8	\$ 6,304.00
Envelope Income received April 15	\$ 2,500.00
Envelope Income received April 22	\$ 4,229.00
Envelope Income received April 29	\$ 2,275.00
General Fund Balance, March 31, 2012	\$25,156.95
One Great Hour of Sharing (Goal: \$6,000)	\$ 3,218.12
Per Capita (\$30 / 2012 Goal: \$12,090)	\$ 2,280.00

Armed Forces

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Harvey and Sally Mason's grandson

From your Spiritual Strategic Journey Team: We hope that those of you who are participating in Prayer "Triplets" are recording your insights at each of your gatherings. This is a reminder that at the end of your packet you will find a page for recording the 5-7 insights you find most important. Your SSJ Team would like to have those lists by May 20. Your reports may be submitted to the Church Office and may be done electronically to phyllis@fpcsaalem.org. Thank you.

BULLETINS — OPEN DATES:
May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, July 8, 15, 22, August 12, 19, 26; \$15/
Sunday



I thank the people of the church for remembering me on Easter with the beautiful Easter Lily plant brought to me on Easter Sunday. It had such beautiful blooms and the fragrance was so sweet. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Love,
Florence Louise Murdock

Dear Friends,
Many thanks for your checks to the Banquet in Salem. Last Monday we served over 200 persons — 30 were children. God's Blessing,
Bill Wilkins

I want to thank you for the beautiful yellow tulips Gail Tetlow brought to me. God be with you and bless you. I have been blessed with so much love, friends, and wonderful memories.
Joyce Smith

Thank you to the kids for all their hard work for Youth Sunday. I am so proud of them! And thank you to the congregation for your support and wonderful feedback to the kids. Congratulations to our high school students receiving study Bibles: Nichole Santini (Senior), Tylor Bricker (Sophomore), and Paige Johnson (8th Grade). We are having a Cookout this Sunday at the home of Ken and Kim Double for our year end activity.
Beth Schallick, DYM / LOGOS

HAVILAND CHOIR & GUESTS PRESENT
A SERVICE OF PSALMS
SUNDAY, MAY 20 AT 10:30 A.M.

CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 12
8:30 a.m.



If you can, please bring
shovel, rake, and
wheelbarrow.

DVD MINISTRY

Please notify the Church Office if you would be interested in receiving copies of our Sunday services or if you want a recording of a particular service.

Board of Deacons

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church,
meeting on April 19, 2012....

- approved the sale of Geraniums to grace the sanctuary on Pentecost, May 27, and then to be planted around the church
- approved the "Big Backyard" ministry for this summer, beginning on June 27
- approved directing the local portion of the Pentecost Offering to the Big Backyard
- approved the Baptism of Tenley Jo Stitle for June 3
- approved holding 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship services (in addition to the 10:30 services) from June 3 – August 26
- heard that the Deacons' DVD ministry has been very well-received
- began seriously considering the recommendations of the Self Study Report
- elected Mark Smith as the Elder Commissioner to the May meeting of Eastminster Presbytery

Our Church History ...

From the Messenger, May 29, 1932:

We are glad to welcome the G.A.R. of Salem who are worshiping with us today.

Children's Day, June 12. Do not forget this important date. Any who have children to be baptized may present them that day.

Softball — The churches have a League now. Each Thursday (at 6:00) is their nite at Centennial Park. Come and have some fun.

Scouts — Wednesday, June 8, at 7:30, at Centennial Park a splendid service has been arranged when our Troop will be presented with a charter. The Men's Bible Class will be present. Those interested are cordially invited.

With this issue the "Messenger" says farewell until fall. A mimeographed page with order of worship will take its place.

From the Messenger, May 3, 1962:

Men's Council News

May 22 is the day, 6:30 p.m. is the time, Fellowship Hall is the place for the Father-Son and Daughter dinner. Mark your calendar now. Fathers, if your son or daughter can't come, don't stay away on that account. The seniors of our Church will be honored guests at this meeting. If the twelve men who expressed a desire to form a men's chorus can get some practice, they will sing a couple of numbers for our enjoyment. Incidentally, if any man can play the piano or direct, we do need you. This Men's Chorus is to be more than a source of entertainment. Through it other men may, because of musical interests, be encouraged to join our fellowship. Tickets are now on sale and you will be contacted personally. Please plan to attend!

Christian Education Brunch

Sunday, May 20

9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall



This is a special thank you meal for our volunteers and to the Haviland Choir.

Anyone interested in donating to the Brunch,
please contact Kim Double.

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

Tuesday, May 22

5:00-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall



Rotary Club of Salem Fundraiser for
Adopt-A-School Water Project in Tanzania



Tickets — \$8.50

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



May



Happy Birthday!

Florence Murdock (18), Ray Starbuck (19),
Russell Loudon (24), Margaret Sheets (24),
Tom Smith (28)

- 1 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Board of Deacons (FH)
- 2 / Weds **12:00 Daytimers (FH)** - Amy McGuire,
Administrator of Century House
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 3 / Thurs 7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
**7:00 Committee Night:
CE (106), Mission I and S (FH),
Property (107), Worship (109)**
- 4 / Fri 9:00-5:00 United Quilt Guild
Workshop (FH)
- 6 / Sun 8:55 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship
LOGOS year end activity
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 7 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 9 / Weds 9:00 February Circle
9:15 March Circle (110)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 10 / Thurs 12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (110)
7:00 Finance (110)
- 12 / Sat **8:30 Work Day at the Church**
*If possible, bring rake, shovel, and
wheelbarrow to spread mulch.*



- 13 / Sun 8:55 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship — *1st Grade Books*
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 14 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 15 / Tues Preschool Program Rehearsals (FH) - W/Th
- 16 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 17 / Thurs Preschool Programs (FH) - Th/F
7:00 Session (107)
- 19 / Sat 9:00 Lois Frost Scholarship Auditions (S)
- 20 / Sun 9:00 Christian Education Brunch (FH)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship — *Haviland Choir Program*
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3
Blue and Gold Banquet (FH)
- 21 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 22 / Tues 5:00-7:00 Chicken and Biscuit Dinner by
Rotary Club of Salem — fundraiser for
Adopt-A-School Water Project in Tanzania
Tickets are \$8.50.
- 24 / Thurs 6:30 A.I.D. Board Meeting (107)
- 27 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
Pentecost
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship — *Communion*
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3
Blue and Gold Banquet (FH)
- 28 / Mon *Memorial Day*
Church Office Closed



Salem Community Pantry

Mon., Fri., 9-11:30 a.m. / Tues., 5-7:30 p.m.

**Urgent Needs — canned soup, small jars of
peanut butter, and personal hygiene items.
Place items in box on stage. Thank you!**

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.*