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The Presbyterian Messenger



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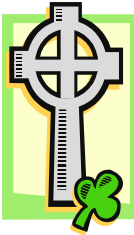
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m. Worship

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May 22 — The 5th Sunday of Easter — “Celtic Heritage Sunday”

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31; Psalm 148; John 1:1-5, 14, 16-18 / Acolyte: Trey Double

The Haviland Choir will be leading our worship, presenting music of Irish, Scottish, and Gaelic origin. A bagpiper and a harpist will be our special guests.

This morning, you are invited to bring to worship an item from your personal ancestry. These items will be placed on the Lord’s Table to be blessed. Examples of such items could include a picture, a clan plaid, a Bible, or any small item from your family history.



(This is a variation of a service called the “Kirkin’ of the Tartan” – “Kirk” being the Scottish word for “church” – at which clan tartans are blessed in worship. Since not all of us are Scottish, a substitute for a tartan can be offered!)

May 29 — The Sixth Sunday of Easter — The Rev. Ross Jackson, preaching



Sermon: “Passed Along To Whom?”
Scripture: Acts 17:22-31, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Joan Ferrier

Dear Friends,

You absolutely outdid yourselves in hosting the May 10 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery! An elder from a church in Austintown posted on FaceBook: “Best ham I ever had, and the Pie was Great.” A pastor wrote: “Everything was efficient and well run - but very warm and welcoming at the same time - much appreciated!” The Quickline – a brief summary of the meeting sent by the Presbytery Office – commented on the “outstanding choral music.” (That would be *you*, Haviland Choir, accompanied by Gary Kekel.) Another pastor with whom I was speaking commented on “how nice it was to be greeted in the parking lot.” Your hard work, your welcoming hearts, and your willing hands did not go unnoticed!

Many, MANY of you helped with this hospitality, a “number which no one can number.” At the risk of slighting anyone, I simply must mention Carol Ricciardi, who led the Congregational Care Committee into this project with the words, “This is what we do!” A big round of applause must go to Berneda Fitch and Marge Wright, who worked *at least* a 10-hour shift (and that was just on meeting day) as our chief chefs. I also want to publicly thank three staff members – Phyllis Garlock, John Krauss, and Ed Tonkinson – who made things run smoothly and helped us welcome people into a clean, friendly and harmonious environment! *So many* of you greeted and guided; sang or sold tickets; served food and washed dishes; carried a banner in worship; ran the sound system; baked casseroles, pies or cakes.

We do “hospitality” well, very well! We should all feel very proud of and grateful to every person who contributed to this extremely successful team effort. It takes all of us, working hard, to make people feel at home. Let’s *keep up* the good work!

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Dennis Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Warren Bettis, Marge Broomall, Ken and Goldie Burrier, Rosann Butler (*pacemaker surgery 5/19 at Northside*), Sharon Butler (*Joyce Smith's friend*), Terry Carman (*Wavelene Arnold's brother-in-law*), Barbara Double (*Ken Double's mother*), Jane Elze (*Jim Elze's mother*), Patrick Haney (*George Smith's friend*), Bekah Hanlon (*Jo Hendrick's granddaughter*), Hayden Johnson: www.caringbridge.org/visit/haydenjohnson, Tink Layden, Char McDevitt, Fred McNeal (*Jim McNeal's brother*), Pat Milligan (*Jim Milligan's mother*), Janie Mowery (*Marilyn Ward's friend*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's mother*), Steve Reiter, Paul Robinson (*Kim Double's uncle*), Brenda Romack (*Friend of John Krauss and Choir*), Bill Schuller (*John Krauss' friend*), Gene Shafer, Karlie Stith (*Harvey and Sally Mason's great granddaughter*), Teresa Turney (*Dolly Millikin's daughter*), Derek Votaw (*Curt and Beverly Mosher's grandson*)

Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B
Briarwood: Norman Pim, 601;
3700 Englewood Dr., Stow OH 44224
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, 6202
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*); Polly Kendall, 272
Essex 3: Ibbby Dales, 211
Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201;
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Financial Report



Envelope Income received May 1	\$ 5,684.00
Envelope Income received May 8	\$ 5,954.00
Envelope Income received May 15	\$ 3,644.00
General Fund Balance, March 31, 2011	\$ 4,368.98
April Revenues	\$25,083.66
April Expenses	\$25,968.41
General Fund Balance, April 30, 2011	\$ 3,484.23
One Great Hour of Sharing (Goal: \$5,000)	\$ 4,273.66
Tornado Relief	\$ 50.00
Per Capita (\$29 / 2011 Goal: \$12,963)	\$ 2,304.00

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Thank you for your support of the children served by Hope4Kids International. Your partnership is making a tremendous difference in the lives of these children!

Elizabeth Flynn, Director
Director of Sponsorship Program
(*Pres-Bees Mission Project — \$51.77*)

Thank you so much for the lovely plant I received one of the Sundays in April. This is a very tardy "Thank You" but it was so nice to know I was remembered by the First Presbyterian Church of Salem congregation. I miss being able to get to church but it is difficult getting around with a walker. Again, a very tardy "Thank You".

Louise Murdock

OPEN DATES FOR FLOWERS: June 5, July 10, September 18, October 2, 30, November 6, December 4; \$10 / vase



Pentecost Geranium Sale



4" pot — \$2.50
Order in Fellowship Hall
or call Church Office.
(May 22 last day to order)

Summer Worship

June 5 — August 28

8:30 Morning Worship (Chapel)
(no more than 45 minutes in length)
10:30 Worship (Sanctuary)

The children of Melvin and Virginia Wilms invite you to join them in celebrating their parent's 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, June 12 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Salem Community Center.



Congratulations to Laura McDevitt Codopony on her graduation from the University of Oklahoma College of Law with a Juris Doctorate. She is employed at a law firm in Oklahoma City, OK.

OPEN DATES FOR BULLETINS:
May 22, June, July 3, August, September 11, 25, October 9, 16, 30, November 6, 13, 27, December 4, 18; \$15 / Sunday

Our Church History . . .

From the Messenger, May 7, 1981:

BOTTLE DRIVE

American Field Service will be picking up returnable soft drink bottles Saturday, May 9, as a fundraising activity. The program sponsors foreign students in Salem and sends Salem young people abroad to study and learn. The program is of particular interest to our congregation as 14 church families in Salem have hosted students from other countries in past years.

They are the Rolin Herrons (Indonesia, 1962); the Jack Kleins (Guatemala, 1964); the Tom Smiths (Brazil, 1965 and Ethiopia, 1971); the Wallace Kings (Italy, 1966); the Reverend Bruce Milligans (Peru, 1966); the Norman Pims (Malaysia, 1968); the Henry Zimmermans (Japan, 1969); the Charles Gibbs (Sweden, 1976); the John Stoffers (Switzerland, 1978); the David Van Sickles (Australia, 1979) and currently the Leroy Pools, who are hosting Ola Handberg of Sweden.

Church families from the West Branch area who have hosted AFSers include the Jim Hollingers (Philippines), Wilbur Sangrees (Thailand), and the Walter Hofmeisters (Equador).

Next year's AFS family will be the Jon Zieglers, who will host a young man from Iceland.

Four young church members who were Americans Abroad AFS students were Missy Smith (Sweden, 1973); Diane Curtis (Greece, summer 1974); Emily Gibbs (Belgium, 1974) and Brenda Pool (France, 1980). Dawn Van Sickle is slated to go overseas for the 1981-82 school year, but has not yet been informed of her destination.

U.S. Storms

April 2011



PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Regions throughout the United States continue to be buffeted by a series of storms, tornadoes, floods and wildfires that have caused loss of life and severe damage to homes and property. During April 2011, more than 300 tornadoes were confirmed.

Especially hard hit were states in the South. April 27 tornadoes caused 130 deaths in Alabama alone. Lives were also lost in Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia; the total of about 200 is expected to rise, officials said. North Carolina experienced its worst tornado outbreak in 25 years over the Palm Sunday weekend. Flooding is taking a toll in several states, with record flooding of major rivers and levee breaches reported.

One Great Hour of Sharing and designated funds from PDA are already at work in at least ten presbyteries as they address disasters within their areas. At the request of 11 presbyteries in 10 states, members of the PDA National Response Team (NRT) are working with affected presbyteries as they organize their response for local communities. PDA is monitoring a number of presbyteries in case a need for assistance arises. Additional team members are on stand-by.

How Can We Respond?

Give — to support the relief and recovery ministry.
Designate gifts for DR000015, U.S. Disasters.

Act • Register your team's interest in future rebuilding possibilities. Call 1-866-732-6121.
• Assemble *Gift of the Heart* clean up buckets to help families as they begin the overwhelming task of storm and flood clean up. Visit pcusa.org/pda/help/goh.htm.

Pray — that the hope that is found in Christ will be evident to those displaced, those who lost loved ones, and those who offer spiritual and emotional care or help with restoration efforts.

The Staff of the Preschool, Preschool Advisory Board, and I thank all of the members and committee members of the church for your wonderful support through the years. Because of so many Preschool families and congregation members providing Wish List items, we have needed to spend much less on supplies. Many people have made monetary donations. Thank you to all of you.



We hope you enjoy the collection of artistic creations decorating Fellowship Hall from May 13 to May 20, our Preschool program day. We will have class through May 25th to make up snow days. We hope this colorful display allows just a peek at the many fun and creative things we do at the Preschool. We truly believe children will learn best if they are actively involved and having fun! Please feel free to come watch one of our Preschool programs. The Junior Class will share their songs and activities on Thursday, May 19 at 9:15 and 12:45. Mrs. Walker's children will have programs at 9:15 and 12:45 on Friday, May 20.

Again, thanks to everyone for the continued support of our wonderful Preschool!

Sincerely,
Sue Skiba, Director



May

Happy Birthday!

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



- 17 / Tues 7:00 Book Study (107) - *Altar in the World*
- 18 / Weds 9:00-5:00 United Quilt Guild (107)
6:00 April Circle (Chef's Table, Lisbon;
RSVP Wavelene Arnold)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 19 / Thurs 9:15 and 12:45 Preschool Programs (FH)
7:00 Session (107)
- 20 / Fri 9:15 and 12:45 Preschool Programs (FH)
- 22 / Sunday *Celtic Heritage Sunday*
9:00 Sunday School CE Brunch (FH)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship — *Haviland Choir Program*
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 23 / Mon 5:00 Book Study (107) - *Altar in the World*
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 24 / Tues 7:00 Book Study (107) - *Altar in the World*
- 25 / Weds Last Day of Preschool
- 26 / Thurs 9:30 History Committee (110)
6:30 A.I.D. Board Meeting (107)
- 29 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Self Study Committee (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour
10:30 Worship — *Rev. Ross Jackson in Pulpit*
- 30 / Mon Memorial Day
Church Office Closed



June

Happy Birthday!

Jim Laughlin (1), Ralph Timmins (3),
Jean Leimbach (4), Bill Butler (25)

- 1 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH); Program:
Salem Trivia on Mullins by Judy White
- 2 / Thurs **7:00 Christian Education (106)**
7:00 Property and Maintenance (107)
7:00 Worship, Music, Arts (110)
-  Committees
- 5 / Sun 8:30 Morning Worship (Chapel)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
- 6 / Mon **7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**
- 7 / Tues 9 a.m. — 10 p.m. United Quilt Guild
Challenge (FH, K, 107, 109, 110)
- 9 / Thurs 12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (110)
- 12 / Sun 8:30 Morning Worship (Chapel)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Self Study Committee (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship
VBS Set Up following Worship
2:00-4:00 Harrison Baby Shower (FH)
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- 13 / Mon 9:00-Noon VBS
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 14 / Tues 9:00-Noon VBS
- 15 / Weds 9:00-Noon VBS
- 16 / Thurs 9:00-Noon VBS
- 17 / Fri 9:00-Noon VBS

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.*