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The Presbyterian Messenger



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

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Sunday, December 3 — The 1st Sunday of Advent

On this First Sunday in the Advent Season, we will once again explore the Advent hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” a hymn which has its roots in seven ancient Christian prayers. The seven verses of this hymn teach us seven Biblical names for our coming Savior. This service, known as the “O Antiphons,” has become a favorite for many of you.



Scripture: Psalm 80:1-3; Proverbs 3:19-22; Ezekiel 34:20, 23-24; Isaiah 11:1-3a; Isaiah 22:21-22; Isaiah 60:2-3; Luke 1:76-79; Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 7:14
Liturgist: David Stephens
Music: Haviland Choir - *Welcome to Our World*; Carillon Ringers

Sunday, December 10 — The 2nd Sunday of Advent

Our children and youth will be assisting with worship this morning.

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:8-9
Mark 1:1-8
Sermon: *Friends, Believe the Good News!*

Dear Friends,

Advent arrives late this year. In fact, December 3 is the *latest* date on which Advent can possibly arrive. In truth, most of us have been preparing for Advent for some time – – whether it be putting up Christmas decorations, shopping, or just making plans. And while we don't have to wait for Advent before we begin our personal preparations, we did have to wait in the church. This Sunday, we will reprise our “O Antiphons” service in the morning and enjoy “Tinsel and Talents” in the evening. Be sure to plan to attend this delightful event!

As we have waited for Advent to begin, we are reminded that Advent is *all about* waiting. Yes, it's about waiting for Christmas morning and all the joy that can bring, especially to the younger people among us. But it's also a season about waiting for the king who has come and who will come again. We await the celebration of Jesus' birth, even while we long for his coming to bring peace and justice – – his kingdom – – to earth as it is in heaven.

We wait for the kingdom, but Jesus reigns even now. One way to participate in his work is to contribute to the Christmas Joy Offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 50% of the funds contributed assist retired or current church workers in need. A Wooster classmate of mine is one who received help when his daughter suffered a severe brain injury and he and his wife needed to be with her during surgery and rehabilitation. The other 50% helps young people learn and grow in faith at three Presbyterian-related racial-ethnic schools: Presbyterian Pan-American School in Kingsville, Texas; Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please give prayerfully and generously.

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

It's a privilege to pray for each and every one on our Prayer List. We would appreciate your keeping the office updated on your prayer request. Names will remain on the list for 1 month unless an update is received.

Denny Amelung (Gloria Shafer's uncle), Rhys Barnett (Arlene and Bob Barnett's grandson), Roger Berger (Carol Ricciardi's friend), Chuck Boing (Gloria Shafer's brother in law), Brenda Bradley, Kay Bryant (Judy Sicilia's friend), Sandy Byers (Carol Ricciardi's sister), Marcia Clark (Jan Jones' friend), Carol Dougherty, Matthew Drake (Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson), Joann (Lois Dunn's friend), Kim and Mark Evans (Ruth Newman's niece), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (Paul and Barbara Fennema's grand-daughter, daughter-in-law), Matthew Gorley (Scott and Debbie Boyd's nephew), Debbie Goulish (Meta Cramer's friend), Dwight Guthrie (Meta Cramer's cousin), Ryan Hack (Roger and Darlene Hack's son), Amy Hall (Tom Mercer's friend), Charles Hamilton (Rich and Pat Eichler's nephew), Bill Hannay, Jeff Hendricks (Ruth Newman's nephew), Tom Henry (Susan Merry's brother in law), Marilyn Herron, Rita Hovis, David Johnson, Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (Sally Collins' mother), Brenda Lipp, Ricki Looser (Jan Jones' friend), Claude and Marie Mosher (Curt's brother and wife), Shirl O'Rourke (A.I.D. Volunteer), Don Palmer (Rich Eichler's uncle), Mark Parker (Penny Lippiatt's nephew), Katie-Adam-Frankie Pawlosky (Jim and Ruth Newman's daughter and family - Adam preparing for deployment), Mary Jane (Ellie Parker's friend), Clarence and Joan Reed (Sue Skiba's parents), Charity Ricciardi (Carol Ricciardi's daughter-in-law), Maria Ricciardi (Carol Ricciardi's mother-in-law), Cody Roman (Kathie Baker's grandson), Steve Rozeski (Sandra Arter's friend), Ann Sandrock, Bob Schneider (Judy Sicilia's friend), Tom Shafer and Carol Shaw (Gloria Shafer's husband, mother), Michael Shepard (Lorin and Marcia Shepard's son), Luke Spielman (Sam and Julie Johnson's friend of family), Lana Tonkinson (Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's daughter), Jerry Toot (Sandra Arter's friend)continued

Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

\$ 1,876.00
\$ 600.00

Harry Veon (Bob and Sue Merry's family friend), Robert Wheatley (Gloria Shafer's co-worker), Elizabeth Wilkins (Lucy Works' aunt, Margaret Gibbs sister), Ruth Wright (Ann Sandrock's friend)

Special Care Facilities

Birchaven Village: Jean Leimbach, 124; 15100 Birchaven Ln, Findlay OH 45840

Brookdale Salem: Pat Butler, 305

Courtyard: Shirley Devan

Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251; Marty Hollinger, 298

Essex III: Janice Olmstead, 223

Inn at Poland Way: Norman and Jeanne Smith, 6501 Poland Way, Poland OH 44514

Lake Vista at Cortland: Margaret Sheets, Apt 105; 303 North Mecca St, Cortland OH 44410

Regency on the Lake: Joyce Smith, Room 205; 5669 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059

Village at Westerville: Bruno and Kay Stanga; 215 Huber Village Blvd, C100, Westerville OH 43081

Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601

Whispering Pines: Dottie Zimmerman; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Daytimers

Wednesday, December 6
12 Noon - Fellowship Hall
Christmas Music -
Lois Dunn, Barbara Fennema



Sewing Project - Anyone interested in helping to make aprons for the Youngstown Soup Kitchen and baby blankets for the Sophia House should contact either Penny Lippiatt or Gloria Shafer. It is not necessary to know how to sew to participate.

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In Memoriam
Danny M. Ferrier

United with First Church
May 14, 1989

Died
November 23, 2017

"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 Joan Ferrier and the family on the death of her husband, Danny Ferrier.

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful birthday flowers.

Ruth Varkonda

Red Poinsettias

Order on Sundays or in Church Office during week.
\$7 each / Deadline - Dec. 10



Salvation Army "Christmas Angel" Program

There are still a few tags left on the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall for the Christmas Angel program. Children's genders, ages, needs, and Christmas wish lists are on the tags. Please buy one outfit and one toy from the child's tag and return it to Fellowship Hall. Gifts should not be wrapped, but instead placed in a garbage bag or large shopping bag with the tag affixed to the outside. Do Not Include Gift Receipts. All gifts must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 10.



Dec 3 **Tinsel and Talents** at 5 p.m. Music / Art / Crafts / Refreshments

Dec 10 **Youth Program** during 10:30 a.m. worship.
Open House from 4-7 p.m. at home of Steve and Meta Cramer

Dec 17 **Advent Music Program** - The Haviland Choir and Guest Musicians present "Winter's Grace" during 10:30 a.m. worship.

Dec 17 **Basket Raffle** by Women's Association to support local missions. *Candy, Family Fun Night, Hot Beverage, Chocolate, Ohio State* so far. Call Jan Jones, 330-332-4549 if you are creating a basket. Please bring baskets to the church for display on Sundays, December 3 and 10.

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio, meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2017...

- approved the LOGOS group making Christmas snacks to sell in Fellowship Hall.
- approved the concept of a group for college-age youth to meet every 4-6 weeks.
- approved the formation of a sewing group to make items for various charitable organizations (Contact Penny Lippiatt or Gloria Shafer if you're interested!).
- heard that an additional \$234 was received at the Soup and Dessert Luncheon for the Good Neighbors Offering.
- heard that the 2016 financial review will be completed soon.
- decided to stop publishing the weekly envelope income in the bulletins and *Messenger* because it does not give a helpful picture of our finances (although full financial reports are always available upon request).
- noted that our property and liability insurance is up to date.
- approved repair of the pillars at the north entrance.
- heard that annual staff evaluations had been completed and filed.
- noted that the Deacons collected 308 pairs of socks for the Salvation Army during Sock-Tober.
- gave permission for the Troop 3 trailer to be kept in the church parking lot near the garage.
- elected Ruling Elder Karen Dennison as a commissioner to the December 5 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery.
- reviewed the Active Membership roll.
- set January 28, 2018 as the date for the Annual Congregational Meeting.
- decided to donate an Ohio State basket to the Presbyterian Women's basket auction.
- set the next Session meeting for December 14.
- joined in prayers of intercession for members and friends of the congregation.

~ Youth News ~

Sunday School:

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Classes combine for Advent Lessons (FH) - *The Magi*

December 3 - Gold

December 10 - Frankincense:

Wear your ugly Christmas sweater, hat, socks, etc.

December 17 - Myrrh:

Bring in used item for home, wrapped for Gift Scramble.

This is meant to be humorous!

December 24 - Christmas Eve:

No Sunday School

Pres-Bees Youth Club:

4:30-6:00 p.m. on Sundays / Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 Choir, Lesson, Craft; Shared Meal with LOGOS at 5:30 p.m.

December 3 No Gathering - *Tinsel and Talents*

December 10 Youth participate in Worship

December 10 Regular Gathering - *Pizza and Salad*

December 17 Christmas Party - *Finger Foods*

Each child should bring a small \$5 gift for a child PreK-5th Grade. We will participate in a fun game to scramble the gifts!

December 24 No Gathering - *Merry Christmas!*

December 31 No Gathering - *Happy New Year!*

Note: *Chimers will meet at 4:30 this Sunday, December 3.*

Note: *We will be looking for extra help in the Kitchen the start of the new year! Please consider volunteering! Easy Meals! We just need help with finishing touches and clean up! You get to enjoy in the meal also!*

LOGOS:

5:00-6:30 p.m. on Sundays / Youth in Grades 6-12

Shared Meal with Pres-Bees Youth Club at 5:30 p.m.

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December 10 Youth participate in Worship

December 10 Regular Gathering

December 17 Christmas Party



Advent Wreath Centerpiece with Live Greenery

LOGOS Fundraiser

\$12.00 (sample in Fellowship Hall)

LOGOS Youth will be making Christmas snacks to sell in Fellowship Hall before Christmas.

November

29 / Weds 6:00 Carillon Ringers (S)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

30 / Thurs 7:00 **Movie Night (107)**

December

Happy Birthday!

Jean Johnson (2), Janice Olmstead (4),
Joyce Smith (10), Elizabeth Thatcher (13),
Jim Gibbs (13), Rita Hovis (13),
Marge Wright (15), Charles Gibbs (27),
Juanita Latham (29)

3 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School Together Time
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship -
"O Antiphons" Service; Carillon Ringers
11:30 Nominating Committee (107)
4:30 Pres-Bees Chimers (S)
5:00 Tinsel and Talents (S/FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



4 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 **Board of Deacons (107)**

5 / Tues 10:00 Eastminster Presbytery Meeting at
Canfield Presbyterian Church

6 / Weds **12:00 Daytimers (FH) - Music Program**
by Lois Dunn and Barb Fennema
6:45 Finance/Administration (107)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)



7 / Thurs 7:00 **Committee Night:**
Christian Education (106)
Mission I and S (FH)
Property and Maintenance (107)
Worship, Music, and the Arts (109)
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)



8 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)

10 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School Together Time
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
4:00-7:00 Open House at home of
Steve and Meta Cramer
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:00 LOGOS
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

11 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

13 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

14 / Thurs Preschool Party (107) - Th/Fri
7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)

17 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School Together Time
10:00 Enhanced Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship -
Haviland Choir Advent Program
Basket Raffle following Worship
4:30 Pres-Bees Christmas Party (FH)
5:00 LOGOS Christmas Party (FH)

*Sounds
of the
Season*



18 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

19 / Tues 6:00 Scout 'Light for Life' Program (FH)

24 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
Christmas Eve 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
7:30 Christmas Eve Service
11:00 Christmas Eve Service



25 / Mon Church Office Closed

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

31 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship

The Church Office will be closed January 1, 2018.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



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

ITEMS NEEDED:

**Peanut Butter, Plastic Grocery Bags, Empty
Egg Cartons. Place items in Fellowship Hall.**

Worship Schedule on Cable TV Channel 9

Sunday - 1 and 9 am / Monday - 1am
Tuesday - 3 am, 12 & 4 pm / Wednesday - 1 am, 4 & 9 pm
Friday - 1 am / Saturday - 3 am, 12 & 4 pm

Services can also be seen on You Tube: FPCSALEM