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The Presbyterian Messenger



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

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December 4 — The Second Sunday of Advent



Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 3:7-12;
Matthew 11:1-6
Sermon: *But Is He the One?*
Music: Haviland Choir
Carillon Ringers - *All Is Well*
Cody Tonkinson, Piano
Gary Kekel, Synthesizer
Liturgist: Tricia Jackson

December 11 — The Third Sunday of Advent



The Haviland Choir and guest musicians present
“*Fantasia Noel*,” Songs of the Season arranged
and orchestrated by Joshua Spacht.

Liturgist: Brad Stephens

Dear Friends,

It is, once again, “the most wonderful time of the year.” At least, I hope that it is a wonderful time for you. And if it’s not “wonderful,” I hope that, at the least, you find meaning and beauty in our Advent and Christmas worship.

Yes, it’s difficult to talk about Advent without that word: “hope.” The season of Advent is all about waiting, as patiently as possible, for the daybreak that is promised. ... for the “Light that shines in the darkness” which the darkness cannot overcome.

On December 4 we’ll once again celebrate “Tinsel and Talents” with the musical segment beginning at 5 p.m. After enjoying a number of musical gifts, we’ll gather in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and an opportunity to enjoy other gifts of art and beauty.

Be sure to invite your friends to worship with us on December 11, when the Haviland Choir presents “*Fantasia Noel*.” As always, this promises to be a very special celebration of the season.

Many thanks to Penny Lippiatt and her crew for another great Nativity Set display on November 26. Many thanks to all of you who took home printed sheets of flannel to cut out for the benefit of our Pres-Bees kids. And many thanks to all of you – including the Congregational Care Committee and Presbyterian Women – who have supported the fund-raising efforts for our trip to Guatemala. *God is good, all the time; all the time, God is good!*

Advent Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Denny Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Paul Bailey, Eddie Broome (*Sally Collins' brother-in-law*), Sandy Byers (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Alex Carter (*Kim Double's niece*), Phyllis Denton (*had back surgery*), Helen Dorff (*Lucy Works' friend*), Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Nova Eichler, Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Berneda Fitch, Pat Garick, Dwight Guthrie (*Meta Cramer's cousin*), Richard Hack (*Kathie Baker's nephew*), Charles Hamilton (*Rich and Pat Eichler's nephew*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Jim Hollinger, Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Sue Kyser, Hannah Lanza-Roth (*granddaughter of Cheryl and Gary Kekel*), Brenda Lipp, Ricki Looser (*Jan Jones' friend*), Russell Loudon, Larry Lozier, Anne Lutz (*Jan Jones' friend*), John Martsolf, Don Palmer (*Rich Eichler's uncle*), Lynne Peterson, Gary Prior (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), John (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Clarence and Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's parents*), Charity Ricciardi (*Carol Ricciardi's daughter-in-law*), Gary Richards (*organist; had stroke*), Dale Riley (*Stated Clerk of Eastminster Presbytery*), Ally Ripley (*knee surgery*), Marie Robinson (*Kim Double's mother*), Steve Rozeski (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Connie Bowman Rowe (*Helen Hayes' friend*), Leroy Sanor (*Beverly Mosher's neighbor*), Gene Shafer, Tom Shafer and Carol Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's husband, mother*), David Stephens, Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's daughter*), Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Ronald White, Anna Williams (*John Barnett's friend's mother*), Lauren Work (*Paul and Fredda Work's daughter-in-law*), Ruth Wright (*Ann Sandrock's friend*), Kristina Yonker (*Barbara Yonker's daughter-in-law*)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: MaryLou Timmins
Birchaven Village: Jean Leimbach, 124; 15100 Birchaven Ln, Findlay OH 45840
Blossom: Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's mother*)
Brookdale Salem: Pat Butler, 305; Dorothy Gibson, 303)

Envelope Income received November 6	\$ 5,939.50
Envelope Income received November 13	\$ 4,175.00
Envelope Income received November 20	\$19,690.00
General Fund Balance, October 31, 2016	(-\$27,492.33)
Good Neighbors Offering	\$ 2,159.00
Per Capita (\$32.15 per Active Member)	\$ 2,057.40

Brookdale Austintown: Henry and Dottie Zimmerman; 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd 44515
Courtyard: Janice Olmstead, 301
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251
Holly Hill: Ellen Tetlow, 405a; 10190 Fairmount Rd, Newbury Township OH 44065
Inn at Ironwood: Norman and Jeanne Smith, 106; 6699 Ironwood Blvd, Canfield OH 44406
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221; Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Lake Vista at Cortland: Margaret Sheets, Apt 105; 303 North Mecca St, Cortland OH 44410; 330-638-9125
Village at Westerville: Bruno and Kay Stanga; 215 Huber Village Blvd, C100, Westerville OH 43081; 614-948-3295
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601
Whispering Pines: Rolin Herron, 126; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Congratulations to great grandparents Charles and Margaret Gibbs on the birth of Olivia Elizabeth Deem on November 12, 2016. Grandmother is Ellen Gibbs Caruso, and parents are Anthony and Ashley Deem.



Congratulations to great grandmother Rose Marie Crookston on the birth of Aubrey Elaine Newburn on October 2. Grandparents are Ken and Sue Kyser, and Nelson and Debbie Thomas. Parents are Lance and Kari Newburn.



Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers for my birthday, and to Kathie Baker who delivered them.
Ruth Varkonda

Salvation Army Christmas Angel Program



There are still a few tags left on the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall. Please take a tag, then write your name on the sign-up sheet so we know who has each tag. Please buy one outfit and one toy from the child's tag and return it to Fellowship Hall or the Church Office. 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 Friday, December 9.

By action of the Session, a Congregational Meeting for the sole purpose of electing Church Officers will be held on Sunday, December 4, immediately following worship.

Presbyterian Women's Association
Candy and Bake Sale
 Sunday, December 11



During Coffee Hour and Following Worship

Tinsel and Talents

Sunday, December 4

5:00 p.m. - **Christmas Music:**
Bell Choirs and Musicians

6:00 p.m. - **Items** on display
created by our talented children
and adults; **Refreshments**

DAYTIMERS

Weds. Dec. 7

12 Noon

Christmas Music by
Gary & Cheryl Kekel



Youth News

Sunday School: 9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Teachers - Kim Double, Julie Mackall, Cara Stephens

We are working on "New Star", a Christmas pageant that will be presented on Sunday, December 18 during Worship.

Pres-Bees Youth Club: 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays
Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 / Choir, Lesson, Craft, Dinner

November 30 Regular Gathering

December 7 Regular Gathering

December 14 Regular Gathering

December 18 "New Star" pageant during Worship

LOGOS: LOGOS at 5:00 p.m. / Youth in Grades 6-12
LOGOS Bell Choir at 4:15 in Room 200.

December 4 Tinsel and Talents

December 11 Oven Mitt Present Pass

December 18 TBA

PASTOR'S OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, December 11

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Steve and Meta Cramer

781 South Lincoln Avenue



Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio,
meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2016...

- Heard that the Congregational Care Committee had donated \$500 to the Guatemala Trip from Soup-to-Go funds.
- Approved Ruling Elder Elsie Dursi (a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown and the former Executive Director of the Mahoning Valley Association of Churches) as guest preacher for January 22.
- Elected Lauren Arnold as the Ruling Elder Commissioner to the meeting of Eastminster Presbytery on December 6, when it is anticipated that the election of a new General Presbyter will take place.
- Called a Congregational meeting for Sunday, December 4 for the sole purpose of electing officers.
- Engaged in prayers of intercession for members and friends of the congregation.

*As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.*

This congregation has a long history of supporting the **Christmas Joy Offering**. Half of the funds received supports the continued ministry of educating and forming Christian leaders at Menaul School, Stillman College, and the Presbyterian Pan American School. The other half of the Offering honors those leaders who serve and have served us well. Through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, current and retired church workers who experience need because of tragedy, health concerns, or financial hardship can receive assistance from the church they have served so well.



5 Disposable Items That Are Polluting the Planet

(taken from an article written by Sean Eckhardt)

- **Disposable Batteries**
Consider using rechargeable batteries or at least be sure to recycle your batteries in the battery bucket at church.
- **Foam and Paper Cups**
Every year Americans throw 25 billion non-recyclable foam cups into the garbage. PLEASE take your reusable coffee cup with you to your favorite coffee shop.
- **Paper Towels**
Using paper towels produces 3,000 tons of waste a day in the US alone. Try switching to rags, microfiber cloths, or bar mop towels.
- **Paper and Plastic Bags**
1 billion plastic bags are used each year in the US alone. Producing the paper bags requires large amounts of water, energy, and chemicals. PLEASE remember to take your reusable grocery bags when you go shopping.
- **Coffee Pods**
In 2014, Keurig Green Mountain produced 9.8 billion single use containers! All these then went into the landfill! If you use this kind of coffee system, please consider using "My K-Cup" a reusable pod produced by Keurig that can be filled with ground coffee.

MAYBE THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP YOU
WITH SOME STOCKING STUFFER IDEAS!

November

30 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Study (110)

December

Birthdays

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)

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

2 / Fri **8:00-3:30 Church Office Hours**

4 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15-10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - *Carillon Ringers*
5:00 Tinsel and Talents (S/FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

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

6 / Tues 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Eastminster Presbytery Meeting at Champion Presbyterian Church in Warren

7 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) -
Christmas Music by Gary and Cheryl Kekel
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Study (110)

8 / Thurs **7:00 Finance and Administration Committee (107)**

11 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15-10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Enhanced Coffee Hour (FH) -
Candy and Bake Sale (FH) - Women's Assoc.
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - *Advent Music:*
Haviland Choir and Guest Musicians
Candy and Bake Sale (FH) - Women's Assoc.
5:00 LOGOS (FH) - *Oven Mitt Present Pass*
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



BAKE SALE

12 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 January Circle (107)

13 / Tues 12:00 November Circle (*Salem Golf Club*)

14 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)

15 / Thurs Preschool Christmas Party (107)
7:00 Regular Session Meeting (110)

16 / Fri Preschool Christmas Parties (107)

18 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15-10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) -
10:30 Lord's Day Worship -
"New Star" - Youth Christmas Pageant
5:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

19 / Mon 7:00 Light for Life (FH) -
Scout Troop and Pack 3 Joint Program

23 / Fri 9:00 Quilt Group (FH)

24 / Sat 7:30 and 11:00
Christmas Eve Services
Candlelight and Sacrament
of Lord's Supper
Childcare at 7:30 only.



25 / Sun 10:30-11:00 Morning Prayer (Chapel)

MERRY CHRISTMAS

26 / Mon Church Office Closed



Salem Community Pantry

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

ITEMS NEEDED:

Peanut Butter, Plastic Grocery 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 / *[Must have Digital Box to View.](#)