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The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

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December 5 — The Second Sunday of Advent



Sermon: "Are You the One?"
Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalms 122:1, 80:1-2; Matthew 3:1-12, 11:2-11
Liturgist: Pat Garick
Music: Haviland Choir

Last Day
to
Order
Poinsettias
\$7.00 each

December 12 — The Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2; Luke 1:78b-79; Isaiah 7:10-14, Luke 1:26-33; Luke 2:1, 3-14; Luke 2:15-20; Matthew 2:1-2; Isaiah 9:6, John 14:27
Proclamation} "Winter's Grace: A Cantata for Christmas" by Joseph M. Martin
of the Word} presented by the Haviland Choir and Guest Musicians
Liturgist / Acolyte: Mark Smith /



"Thank You Tea" for the Choir and Musicians after Worship, sponsored by the Congregational Care Committee
Presbyterian Women's Basket Raffle

Dear Friends,

Is it even possible to think about Christmas without thinking about presents? Most of us have undoubtedly begun our Christmas shopping by now, or at least given it serious thought. Along with the purchase or creation of gifts for our loved ones, this season brings with it a multitude of opportunities to give to worthy causes that are of real assistance to our neighbors. Some of those opportunities for giving come to us through the Church: the "Operation Christmas Child" project, the Salvation Army Angel Tree, the "birthday party for Jesus" that Pres-Bees will hold in early January, contributions to the December 12 Basket Raffle, even buying Hard Tack and Buckeyes to support the Church's own kids . . .etc., etc., etc.

Each and every one of these is an extremely worthy cause. In the midst of all that you are doing, please do not forget the Christmas Joy Offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This offering is a wonderful way to be of assistance to many people in our larger church family . . .and you don't even have to go shopping!

Each Sunday during Advent you will find, inserted in your worship bulletin, a story of someone who has been helped by our gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering. You will find the story of a young woman *and* the story of a middle-aged man, both of whom have been able to discover their gifts and use them in God's service thanks to the six racial ethnic schools and colleges supported by our gifts. You will find the story of an eighty-something minister's widow who needs assistance to pay her rent *and* the story of the pastor of a tiny church who needs help in paying out-of-pocket expenses for crucial medical tests; both of these individuals are aided by the Board of Pensions Assistance Program. Our gifts are divided equally between the schools and the Assistance Program.

This congregation does a fabulous job of supporting mission – both addressing the needs of our neighbors in Salem and providing for the larger mission of the Presbyterian Church. You are generous people, and there are many demands on your generosity as we remember God's most generous Gift to us, the Gift of Jesus Christ. Please don't forget those who have helped us grow in our own faith *and* those who are still doing their own growing. The Christmas Joy Offering helps them all!

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Salem Hospital: Al Kenreigh (161)
Salem Hospital, Skilled: Pat Milligan (223-1)

Others: Warren and Barbara Bettis, Terry Carman (*Wavelene Arnold's brother-in-law*), Everett Dennison, Bob Domencetti and Family (*Friend of John Krauss and Choir*), Joe Gibson (*Barb Gibson's son, Nancy Fawcett's nephew*), Bekah Hanlon (*Jo Hendrick's granddaughter*), Hayden Johnson:

www.caringbridge.org/visit/haydenjohnson, Patty Johnson (*Mickey Buck's friend*), Polly Kendall, Tink Layden, Char McDevitt, Fred McNeal (*Jim McNeal's brother*), Bessie McQuiston (*Mickey Buck's friend*), Janie Mowery (*Marilyn Ward's friend*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Bryan and Jennifer Milheim Ramsey and Family (*Overseas Ministry*), Steve Reiter, Brenda Romack (*Friend of John Krauss and Choir*), Chet Roof, (*Copeland Oaks, Room 6202*), Dave Scarpitti (*Bob and Deb McCulloch's friend*), Bill Schuller (*John Krauss' friend*), Karlie Stith (*Harvey and Sally Mason's great granddaughter*), Ellen Tetlow (*c/o Jon Tetlow, 6874 Berry Blossom Dr, Canfield OH 44406*), Ann Theil (*1576 West Main St, East Palestine OH 44413*)

Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Verna Stevens, 306
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
Courtyard: Georgiana Costa, 107; Phyllis Lamb, 109; Betty Potter, 202 (*Helen Hayes' mother*); Linda Tonti, 209 (*John Tonti's mother*)
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*)
Essex 2: Al Kenreigh (for Rehab)
Essex 3: Ibby Dales, 211
Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234
Southern Manor: Elvira Bass (*Mary Frances Breit's sister*); Lebanon TN
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

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Financial Report

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Envelope Income received November 7	\$ 5,458.00
Envelope Income received November 14	\$ 4,177.00
Envelope Income received November 21	\$ 2,595.50
Envelope Income received November 28	\$ 1,545.00
General Fund Balance, October 31, 2010	(-\$568.38)
Per Capita (\$28 / Goal: \$13,328)	\$ 3,889.00
2¢ a Meal for Hunger	\$ 9.52

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† CPL Lee, Stacy
† SGT Stith, Ryan (*Harvey and Sally Mason's grandson*) Kilo Company, MCT SOI, Camp Pendleton CA 92055

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Jess and Berneda Fitch and Don and Shar Harrison and the families on the death of mother and grandmother, Lucina Blackburn; to Rich and Pat Eichler and the family on the death of Pat's brother-in-law, Don Cook; and to Dick and Eileen Shanker and the family on the death of Dick's sister-in-law's sister, Viola Dustman.

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Congratulations to Joseph and Kimberly (Whitman) Colian on the birth of Morgan Rose Colian on November 19. Grandparents are Martin and Debbie Whitman.

Salvation Army "Angel Tree"

Please take one or several tags from the tree in Fellowship Hall and buy one outfit and one toy from the child's tag and return it to the church office or Fellowship Hall stage by this Sunday, December 5. Place unwrapped gifts in large shopping or garbage bag with tag attached to the outside. **Please let Wavelene or Lauren Arnold know when you take a tag.**

Pictorial Directory Changes

Burgett, Susan...
1843 S Lincoln Ave Unit B
Eichler, Nova...234-567-5367
Gancos, Vince & Tiffany...
Phone Disconnected
McDevitt, Brad...Phone Disconnected
McCorkhill, James & Nancy...
Phone Disconnected
Mondell, Al...Phone Disconnected
Sarginger, Eric & Jennifer...
Phone Disconnected

Christmas Joy Offering Envelopes are in the Sanctuary Pew Racks. We will receive the offering through the month of December and dedicate on Sunday, January 2, 2011.



A light black jacket was taken by mistake this past Sunday, November 28. Please call the Church Office.

Next Newsletter: Dec. 14
Articles due by Friday, Dec. 10

Presbyterian Women

February — Wednesday, December 8 at 9 a.m.
Salem Hills

March — Wednesday, December 8 at 9:15 a.m.
Room 110 at the Church

April — Tuesday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m.
Ricky's English Pub; RSVP Grace Smith

November — Wednesday, December 8
12:30 p.m. at Salem Golf Club / Bring \$5 wrapped gift
RSVP Marilyn Loudon or Kathie Baker

Basket Raffle

Sunday, December 12

Proceeds Dedicated for Local Christmas Mission

Tickets will be sold.

*Baskets will be on display on Sunday, December 5
before and after Worship.*

January Circle – *Pampering Yourself*

February Circle – *Chocolate Deluxe*

March Circle – *Christmas Morning Surprise*

April Circle – *Children's Books and
"A Night at the Movies"*

May Circle – *Ohio State University,
Pantry I and II Items*

September Circle – *Sugar Plum Chocolate*

November Circle – *Italian Night*

Session – *Bob the Builder "Fix-It Box"*

Board of Deacons – *Cold Winter's Night*

Pres-Bees Youth Club – *Kitchen Items*

LOGOS – *A Child's Wish List*

Congregational Care – *Kitchen Gadgets*

Haviland Choir – *Spices*

Your Session at Work

Your Session, meeting on November 18, acted to approve:

- Sunday, November 21 as the date of the final "early service" of 2010
- granting permission for children to sell candy bars in the new year to help finance their camping experiences
- February 13, 2011 as the date for the Valentine Potluck
- March 20, 2011 as the date for the Spring Soup and Bread Lunch
- receiving the Christmas Joy Offering and dedicating it on January 2, 2011
- serving the Lord's Supper at both Christmas Eve Services
- a contribution from the Session of a "Fix-It Box" to the Presbyterian Women's Basket Raffle on December 12

Your Session heard:

- that the Nominating Committee is hard at work
- that the Self-Study Committee will meet on December 5
- that Eastminster Presbytery can offer assistance to us in developing listening skills and in becoming more visible to our community
- that the *Per Capita* assessment for 2011 will be \$29.00



Don't forget the ReStore has opened their Christmas Corner and can use plenty of shoppers and volunteers alike! Store hours are 12-6 on Thursdays and 9-4 on Fridays and Saturdays. Volunteers are welcome Tuesdays-Saturdays. Call 330-337-4808 to learn more.

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.*

December

Happy Birthday!

Joyce Smith (10), Jim Gibbs (13)
 Rita Hovis (13), Phyllis Lamb (25),
 Charles Gibbs (27), Robert McCulloch Jr (27),
 Polly Kendall (28), Juanita Latham (29)

1 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) — Program:
Christmas Music
 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
 7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)



2 / Thurs 9:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) Th/F
 7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)



7:00 Committee Night:
Christian Education (106)
Mission I and S (FH)
Property and Maintenance (107)
Worship, Music and Arts (100)

4 / Sat 6:00 SHS Golf Team (FH)

5 / Sun 9:00 Advent Workshop (FH)
 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Confirmation Class (109)
9:15 Self Study Committee (107)
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
 10:30 Worship (S)
 4:30 LOGOS (FH)
 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

6 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
 8:00 Scout Committee (110)

7 / Tues 9:00-3:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
 9:30 Salem Ministerial Association (107)
 5:30 April Circle (Ricky's English Pub)

8 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)
 9:15 March Circle (110)
 12:30 November Circle (Salem Golf Club)
 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
 7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

9 / Thurs 9:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) Th/F
7:00 Finance Committee (107)

12 / Sun



9:00 Advent Workshop (FH)
 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
 10:30 Worship (S) followed by
 "Thank You" Tea for Haviland Choir (FH)
 PW Basket Raffle following Worship
 5:30-7:30 LOGOS Christmas Party at
 New Lisbon Presbyterian Church
 (Meet at Church at 5 p.m. for ride)
 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

13 / Mon

6:30 Boy Scout Court of Honor (FH)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)

15 / Weds

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

16 / Thurs

9-3 Preschool Christmas Party (107, FH)
7:00 Session (107)

17 / Fri

9-3 Preschool Christmas Party (107, FH)

19 / Sun



9:00 Advent Workshop (FH)
 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
 10:30 Worship (S)
 No LOGOS
 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

20 / Mon

Preschool Christmas Break thru Jan 3
 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

22 / Weds

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

24 / Fri

12:00 Church Office closes for
 Christmas Holiday
 7:30 Christmas Eve Service
 11:00 Christmas Eve Service



25 / Sat

MERRY CHRISTMAS

26 / Sun

No Sunday School
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
 10:30 Worship (S)

27 / Mon

Church Office closed for
 Christmas Holiday

31 / Fri

12:00 Church Office closes for
 New Year's Holiday