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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)

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Sunday, November 5 — The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Psalm 1
Matthew 22:34-40
Sermon: "Let Me Know When You Get There"
Anthem: Ancient Words -
The Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Judy Sicilia

Sunday, November 12 — Consecration Sunday The Rev. Cathy Ulrich, preaching

Scripture: Psalm 141
James 5:13-20
Matthew 5:39-48
Sermon: "Church House Rules"
Anthem: We Trust In God Alone -
The Haviland Choir



**Soup and
Dessert
Luncheon
after
Worship**

Dear Friends,

November already? Yes, it is. And so our thoughts turn toward (dare we say it?) that holiday in December, but also toward the one that come at the end of this month. We often hear the complaint that Thanksgiving gets overlooked in the rush toward Christmas. And it's true that the day *after* Thanksgiving becomes for many either an opportunity to score some bargains or a frenzy we'd rather avoid, depending on our perspective.

Personally, I like Thanksgiving because it's an opportunity to visit with family. Our son is usually "home" for the whole long weekend; we often see our daughter; and we appreciate the chance to – yes – begin our preparations for December.

Much as we may enjoy feasting, spending time together, and, maybe, shopping, we shouldn't *need* to have a national holiday declared to remind us to give thanks for our many blessings. Thankfulness ...gratitude – these are at the heart of our identity as Presbyterian Christians. The *Heidelberg Catechism*, a product of the Reformation, teaches us that our lives should be a "living sacrifice of gratitude." We do not strive to live good lives so that God will love us and bless us; we try to live as God wants us to live because God loves and blesses us *already*.

I particularly hope that you will plan to worship on November 12. Consecration Sunday is another reminder to live lives of gratitude for all that is given to us by a generous God. You will enjoy hearing and getting to know our newly-installed General Presbyter/Stated Clerk, the Rev. Cathy Ulrich. And do plan to stay for some excellent Soup and Dessert served by our Congregational Care Committee.

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

It's a privilege to pray for each and every one on our Prayer List. 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*), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Matthew Gorley (*Scott and Debbie Boyd's nephew*), Dwight Guthrie (*Meta Cramer's cousin*), 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, Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Brenda Lipp, Ricki Looser (*Jan Jones' friend*), Mary Luecke (*Barb Loudon's mother*), 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*), 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*), Dr. Marilyn Roderick (*Juanita Latham's daughter*), Cody Roman (*Kathie Baker's grandson*), Steve Rozeski (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Ann Sandrock, Bob Schneider (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Gene Shafer, 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*), Harry Veon (*Bob and Sue Merry's family friend*), Dave Wendel (*Paul Fennema's soccer friend*), Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Elizabeth Wilkins (*Lucy Works' aunt, Margaret Gibbs sister*), Marjorie Works (*Lucy Works' sister*), Karl Wright, Ruth Wright (*Ann Sandrock's friend*)

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Envelope Income received October 15, 2017	\$ 2,685.00
Envelope Income received October 22, 2017	\$ 2,404.00
Envelope Income received October 29, 2017	\$ 1,823.00
General Fund Balance, September 30, 2017	(1,327.53)
Good Neighbors Offering (<i>K-9 Fund and CEDEPCA</i>)	\$ 1,703.00
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 1,876.00
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$ 600.00

Special Care Facilities

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

Brookdale Salem: Pat Butler, 305 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

Congratulations to great grandmother Mary Bryan on the birth of Ashton James Kerr on October 5, 2017.



Welcome

New members Louise Steele and her mother Genevieve Benson will be recognized during worship on Sunday, November 5.

Thank You

Our heartfelt thanks to the Women's Association and to Brenda Johnson who baked and decorated that fantastic cake and to Barbara Marra for the beautiful card she made. We have always known our church was very special and we appreciate all your good wishes and prayers.

Jeanne and Norm Smith

Thanks to everyone who donated socks for the Salvation Army - an overwhelming response!

Board of Deacons

Special thanks to all who participated in the Pres-Bees Youth Club "Trunk or Treat"! It was a huge success!

Jayne Bricker

A special note of thanks to office volunteers Mary Bryan, Ethel Clark, Dave and Roselyn Stephens, and Ruth Varkonda for jobs well done!!!



Fall Soup and Desert Lunch
Sunday, November 12
Members welcome to bring soup!



Soup-to-Go
Sunday, November 19
~ Chili ~
Paul Fennema, Leader

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio,
meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2017...

- accepted the resignation of Ruling Elder Lauren Arnold with regret, thanking her for her service and wishing her well in her new job in Columbus, OH.
- approved establishing a technology steering group to coordinate all the technology used for and by the congregation and staff.
- received and approved the September Financial Reports.
- approved LOGOS playing chimes at The Courtyard at Lexington.
- heard that the Finance Committee is preparing the budget for 2018.
- heard the Property, Utilization and Planning Committee (PUP) has interviewed all staff members with regard to their space needs.
- heard that Gary Kekel has repaired the Hearing Aids in the Sanctuary.
- heard the Women's Association has committed giving \$300.00 a month to The ROC.
- received into Active Membership, Genevieve Benson from Brockway Presbyterian Church in Brockway, PA and Louise Steele from The Church of the Covenant in Cleveland, OH by letter of transfer.
- recognizing that everyone needs our prayers, approved requiring a monthly update on all persons listed on the Prayer Concerns List.

Mark Your Calendars!

- Dec 3** Tinsel and Talents at 5 p.m. Christmas music performed by bell choirs and musicians of all ages. Art Items Display in Fellowship Hall following music program. Refreshments.
- Dec 10** Youth Program during 10:30 a.m. worship.
- Dec 17** Advent Music Program - The Haviland Choir and Guest Musicians present "Winter's Grace: A Cantata for Christmas" by Joseph M. Martin during 10:30 a.m. worship.
- Dec 17** Basket Raffle by Women's Association. Any group, committee, or individual wishing to create a themed basket should call Jan Jones, 330-332-4549.

~ Youth News ~

Sunday School:

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

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.

- November 5 Regular Gathering
Chicken Noodle Soup and Chili,
Cornbread, Ice Cream
- November 12 Praise Choir sings in Worship
Regular Gathering
Pizza, Salad, Cookies
- November 19 Regular Gathering
Hot Turkey Sandwiches, Corn,
Applesauce, Pumpkin Dessert
- November 26 No Meeting - Happy Thanksgiving!

Note: Cherub Choir, Praise Choir, and Pres-Bees Chimers held during Pres-Bees Youth Club.

Note: Drop off and pick up for Pres-Bees Youth Club will be from Fellowship Hall. Use the west entrance near the kitchen.

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.

- November 5 Regular Gathering
November 12 Regular Gathering
November 19 No Meeting
November 26 No Meeting - Happy Thanksgiving!

Note: LOGOS Bell Choir - Sundays at 4:15 p.m. in Room 200

Live Evergreen Sale (LOGOS Fundraiser)

Order on Sundays, November 5-12-19-26 or through the Church Office. Pick up on Sunday, December 3. Sign-up Sheet in Fellowship Hall.

20" Wreath - \$28
24" Wreath - \$34
22" Cross - \$23
30" Cross - \$30




NEEDED: A Presbyterian Elder in Cuyahoga Falls makes quilts for boys in foster care. She is looking for old, clean denim jeans or flannel shirts. Holes or stains are OK! If you can contribute something, Meta will see that she gets them.

November

Happy Birthday!

Marilyn Loudon (5), Dolores Kynett (14),
Ruth Varkonda (15)

- 1 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) -
Mary Lou Smearsoll - Parkinsons Support
6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 2 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),
Mission I & S (FH), Property (107),
Worship, Music, Arts (109)**
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
- 4 / Sat **Turn Clocks Back
One Hour** 
- 5 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
9:45 Meet New Members (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - *Carillon Ringers*
11:30 Nominating Committee (107)
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
4:30-6:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:00-6:30 LOGOS
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 6 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 7 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 8 / Weds 12:00 November Circle -
Annabell's Restaurant
6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)
6:45 Finance/Administration (107)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 9 / Thurs 12:00 Preschool Board of Trustees (110)
**4:30 Personnel Committee (110) -
Staff Evaluations start at 5:00**
- 10 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)

- 12 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - *Praise Choir;*
Consecration Sunday
11:30 Soup and Dessert Luncheon (FH)
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
4:30-6:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:00-6:30 LOGOS
Cub Scout Field Trip
- 13 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 15 / Weds 6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 16 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)**
- 18 / Sat Making Soup-to-Go (K) *Chili*
Paul Fennema, Leader
- 19 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
11:30 Soup-to-Go (K) Chili
LOGOS Bell Choir playing at
Courtyard at Lexington after Worship
4:30-6:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 20 / Mon Preschool Thanksgiving Feast (FH)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 21 / Tues Preschool Thanksgiving Feast (FH)
7:00 Movie Night (107)
- 23 / Thurs *Happy Thanksgiving!* 
- 24 / Fri Church Office Closed
- 26 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
No Pres-Bees, LOGOS
No Cub Scouts



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