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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, October 8 — The 18th Sunday after Pentecost



Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:7-10, 14;
Philippians 3:4b-16
Sermon: *One Foot in Front of the Other*
Anthem: "Teach Me Your Way, O Lord", the
Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Tricia Jackson
Light-Bearer: Trey Double

Sunday, October 15 — The 19th Sunday after Pentecost



Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Sermon: *A Penny for Your Thoughts*
Anthem: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Janet Chumney
Light-Bearer: Andre Tonkinson

Dear Friends,

I am writing on another tragic morning in America. Even while we continue in prayer and help for our brothers and sisters in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico, we add Las Vegas to the burdens of our hearts. As I write, hardly anything is known about the perpetrator. The words of a song by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow come to mind, despite being a bit unseasonal:

*In despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song of peace on earth, good-will to men!"*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
The Wrong shall fail, the Right prevail, with peace on earth, good-will to men!"*

And now, two announcements:

1) It has been some time since we've had "movie night." I am scheduling one for Monday, October 17 at 7 p.m. sharp. We will look at a film (one you may have seen already) that addresses the question of how we can be redeemed and forgiven when the person we have injured is no longer around. This date is literally my only option before I depart for Israel later this month; we can certainly discuss other days of the week, but I'd like to resume this on a monthly basis.

2) A Property Utilization and Planning task force has been formed. We will be looking around the building, talking to people involved in programming, and determining where space could be used more efficiently. On our first walk-through, we noticed that there's a lot of stuff in various places. We all know how that happens at home and it happens at church, too! Within the next week or so, we will be placing "found items" on a table or two in Fellowship Hall. Please watch for any items you may have left behind!

Remember: "The Guardian of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep." ~ Psalm 121:4

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Denny Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), 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*), Rose Marie Crookston, Carol Dougherty, Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Berneda Fitch, Margaret Gibbs, Matthew Gorley (*Scott and Debbie Boyd's nephew*), Dwight Guthrie (*Meta Cramer's cousin*), Charles Hamilton (*Rich and Pat Eichler's nephew*), Bill Hannay, Jeff Hendricks (*Ruth Newman's nephew*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Jim and Marty Hollinger, Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Elma Krauss (*John Krauss' mother*), Brenda Lipp, Ricki Looser (*Jan Jones' friend*), Russell Loudon, Mary Luecke (*Barb Loudon's mother*), Tom Mercer, Claude and Marie Mosher (*Curt's brother and wife*), Shirl O'Rourke (*A.I.D. Volunteer*), Don Palmer (*Rich Eichler's uncle*), 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*), Lorin Shepard, Norman and Jeanne Smith (*Mickey Buck's parents*), Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's daughter*), Jerry Toot (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Ann Topie, 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*), Ruth Wright (*Ann Sandrock's friend*)

Special Care Facilities

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

Summer is over and its time to return to our normal routine. While some of us may have been on vacation this summer, the Church has not. The Church is a twelve month operation and needs to continually meet its financial obligations. So don't forget that catching up on your contributions to the Church's work is one way you show your gratitude to God for our many blessings.

Envelope Income received September 3	\$ 2,391.00
Envelope Income received September 10	\$ 4,858.00
Envelope Income received September 17	\$ 4,539.00
Envelope Income received September 24	\$ 3,368.00
General Fund Balance, August 31, 2017	\$(4,694.00)
Good Neighbors Offering	\$ 469.00
Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, & Mexico Earthquakes	\$ 500.00
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 1,876.00

Brookdale Salem: Pat Butler, 305
Brookdale Austintown: Dottie Zimmerman
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251; Marty Hollinger, 298
Essex III: Janice Olmstead, 223
Inn at Ironwood: Jeanne Smith, 6699 Ironwood Blvd, Canfield OH 44406
Inn at Poland Way: Norman 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

Salem FPC Women's Association will meet at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, October 15 in the Church Library.

Basket Raffle - December 17
 Any group, committee, or individual wishing to create a themed basket should call Jan Jones, 330-332-4549.

The smaller Piano in Fellowship Hall is available for the taking.
 Property and Maintenance Committee



Thank you for the beautiful flowers. I appreciate them and am grateful to Joan Ferrier for delivering them and visiting with me.

Tom Mercer

A big "Thank You" to my friends who helped make the Stuffed Pepper Soup last Saturday — Cheryl and Gary Kekel, Nancy McNeal, Joan Ferrier, Sam Ricciardi.

Carol Ricciardi

"Sock-tober"

Please bring socks to the church during Sundays in October and place in the large baskets at the sanctuary entrances. Our donations will be given to the Salvation Army. They asked especially for men's socks and "hospital" socks with gripper like soles. Slightly used hospital socks will be accepted if they are washed and put in plastic bags.



Eastminster Presbytery
DiscipleFest 2017
 Saturday, October 21
 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 (Registration at 9:30 a.m.)
 Canfield Presbyterian Church

Once again, 50% of the **Good Neighbors Offering** will go to the K-9 Fund at the Salem Community Foundation for the support of Simon and Argo, the Salem Police Department's canine officers. The other 50% will be donated to CEDEPCA, the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America. CEDEPCA was our host when several of us traveled to Guatemala in February. CEDEPCA's motto is "Education that Transforms," and that is put into practice through a seminary, disaster relief, women's ministry, and intercultural encounters such as the one we experienced.

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio, meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2017...

- Received a letter from Eastminster Presbytery inviting Ruling Elders to apply to be a commissioner to the 223rd General Assembly next June. (Note: an Elder does not need to be currently serving on the Session to apply. Applications are due by October 16.)
- Accepted an offer from Paul Heins, a former member of the congregation and a Troop 3 Eagle Scout, for a performance on March 24 by the group for which he is the Assistant Conductor, the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C.
- Approved announcing that the smaller piano currently in Fellowship Hall is available for the taking.
- Heard a report from Ruling Elder Mark Flake on the September meeting of Eastminster Presbytery, which included a visit from the Rev. Denise Anderson, co-Moderator of the 222nd General Assembly, and the formal installation of the Rev. Cathy Ulrich as General Presbyter/Stated Clerk.
- Reviewed the process leading up to staff evaluations, which will be held on November 9.

~ 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.

October 8	Regular Gathering - Pasta, Salad, Ice Cream
October 15	Regular Gathering - Tacos, Salad, Cupcakes
October 22	Cherub Choir sings in Worship Regular Gathering - Chicken Sandwiches, French Fries, Vegetable, Brownies
October 29	Trunk-or-Treat, 4:30-5:15 / No Dinner

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

Pres-Bees/LOGOS Dessert Sign Up:

(Provide enough for 50 people; Sign up in Fellowship Hall.)

October 8	Ice Cream Cups
November 5	Ice Cream Cups
November 19	Pumpkin Pie

LOGOS Bell Choir:

4:15 p.m. in Room 200 starting Sunday, October 15
Director - Cheryl McDevitt

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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What to Do with All Those Leaves!

- October 14 from 9:00 to 2:00 at the Home Depot is pick up day for environmentally-friendly paper leaf bags.
- These bags are biodegradable and can be mulched right along with the leaves.
- Please don't use plastic bags. They will end up in the landfill.
- Coupons for 20 free bags (found in your water/sewer bill) will need to be presented to get you bags. If you don't use all of yours, share the extra ones with someone else!
- Leaf pickup begins November 1 but bags might be picked up before that time.



For those who are interested in an alternative to bagging your leaves, check out this article on the web by Tom Oder, "Why You Should Mulch Leaves, Not Rake Them." mnn.com

October

Happy Birthday!

Rose Marie Crookston (4), Ann Topie (7),
Jean Hannay (10), Mary Lepping (15), Norman Smith (17),
Bill Hannay (19), Shirley Benson (30), Charles Pakosta (30)

- 4 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - Program:
"Chintz is not Chintzy" with Jenny Wilms
6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)
- 5 / Thurs Preschool Bike Parades - Th/Fr
**7:00 Committee Night - CE (106),
Mission I and S (FH), Property (107),
Worship, Music, and the Arts (109)**
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
- 8 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)
2:00-4:00 Baby Shower (FH)
4:30-6:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:00-6:30 LOGOS
6:00 Cub Scout Pack Meeting (B)
- 9 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 10 / Tues **8:30 am Investment Comm. (110)**
- 11 / Weds 6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)
6:45 Finance Committee (107)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)
- 13 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)
- 15 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
9:15 Women's Association (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
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)

- 16 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 18 / Weds 9:30 Salem Ministerial Association (110)
6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)/Men's Study (110)
- 19 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)**
- 21 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Guild Workshop (FH)
10:00-3:00 DiscipleFest 2017 at
Canfield Presbyterian Church
- 22 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - *Cherub Choir*
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)
- 23 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 24 / Tues 5:00-7:00 Preschool Pumpkin Carving (FH)
- 25 / Weds 6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)/Men's Study (110)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 27 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)
- 28 / Sat Soup Making for Soup-to-Go (K)
- 29 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - *Communion*
11:30 "Soup-to-Go" (K)
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
4:30-5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club,
Trunk or Treat - No Dinner
5:00-6:30 LOGOS
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH) -
Rain Gutter Regatta
- 30 / Mon Preschool Halloween Parties - M/Tu
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)



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