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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, September 24 — The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 19:1, 4-10
Romans 14:1-8
Matthew 18:15-20
Sermon: *Can't We All Just Get Along?*
Anthem: *He Leadeth Me*, Haviland Choir
with Brass Quintet
Liturgist: Ken Double



Sunday, October 1 — World Communion Sunday

Scripture: Exodus 16:2-7, 13-21
Psalm 104:1, 24-28
Matthew 22:1-14
Sermon: *All That is Asked*
Anthem: *Celtic Communion, Let Us Talents
and Tongues Employ*, Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Julie Mackall



Dear Friends,

The first thing I'd better say is that the sermon title listed above for September 24 does NOT reference anything happening in the congregation! Some years ago I shared a story about two women who had trouble getting along with each other and several people asked "Who is Meta upset with?" The answer now as then is no-body -- but these passages from the Bible, suggested by the lectionary, give us some good guidance about "getting along" both inside and outside the family of the church.

This is the season when "harvest" starts to be a theme. Leaves are changing color, pumpkin lattes are being enjoyed, candles scented with cinnamon and cloves are being lit, pumpkins are appearing on front porches even while our annuals are still blooming. With "harvest" comes thoughts of abundance and, yes, thanksgiving. Even though Thanksgiving Day is more than two months away, gratitude is *always* an important topic in Christian life.

Last week I was sitting in someone's office while the Cleveland Indians' game appeared on a giant monitor behind him. Being a fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates, I don't know too many of the Indians' players, but I mentioned that I really like Frankie Lindor. The man with the monitor observed, "Yes. He really appears to have a 'gratitude attitude.' He seems just to be grateful for the opportunity to be out there playing." A "gratitude attitude" is what all of us are called to cultivate. The *Heidelberg Catechism*, written in 1563, affirms that "with our whole life, we show ourselves grateful to God for all God's goodness."

If you haven't "gotten back to church" yet this fall, remember that World Communion Sunday is coming up soon, always a great occasion to celebrate God's goodness. And since another name for the Lord's Supper is "Eucharist" (literally, "giving thanks"), it's a good time to recommit ourselves to a "gratitude attitude" for the many gifts God entrusts to us.

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Denny Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Ariel (*Dollie Millikin's relative*), 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*), Dolores Kynett, Hannah Lanza-Roth (*granddaughter of Cheryl and Gary Kekel*), Brenda Lipp, Diane Loftin (*Ellen Maticik's daughter in law's mother*), Ricki Looser (*Jan Jones' friend*), Russell Loudon, Mary Luecke (*Barb Loudon's mother*), Luke Mackall, 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*), Marie Robinson (*Kim Double's mother*), 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*), Margaret Sheets, Lorin Shepard, Norman and Jeanne Smith (*Mickey Buck's parents*), Roselyn Stephens, 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*), Marjorie Works (*Lucy Works' sister*), Ruth Wright (*Ann Sandrock's friend*)

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
General Fund Balance, August 31, 2017	\$(4,694.00)
Hurricane Harvey Relief	\$ 150.00
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 1,876.00

Special Care Facilities

Birchaven Village: Jean Leimbach, 124; 15100 Birchaven Ln, Findlay OH 45840
Brookdale Salem: Pat Butler, 305
Brookdale Austintown: Dottie Zimmerman
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251; Marty Hollinger, 298
Essex III: Janice Olmstead, 223
Inn at Ironwood: Norman and Jeanne Smith, 106; 6699 Ironwood Blvd, Canfield OH 44406
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

Eastminster Presbytery
DiscipleFest 2017
Saturday, October 21

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Canfield Presbyterian Church
 (Registration at 9:30 a.m.)

Keynote speaker is Bob Kloos. Bob and his wife are co-founders of Beacon Street - Performing Arts in Ministry, based out of Cleveland, Ohio. (See Brochure in this newsletter.)



Thank you so much for the flowers. I also appreciated the visit from Joan Ferrier.

Jim Laughlin

A very, very special note of thanks to Karl Wright for making the wonderful drawers in the kitchen for storing the Soup to Go jars.

Mark Flake, Moderator of Property and Maintenance Committee

I thank the Deacons for the beautiful flowers brought to me for my birthday. It's so wonderful to be remembered by my loving church family. Thanks to Susan Smith who brought them and the very enjoyable visit we had. Love,

Theresa Jones



Soup-to-Go

Sunday, September 24
 Following Worship
 Stuffed Pepper
 \$5 a Quart

I need help to make the soup this Saturday, September 23 (I will be at the church at 8 a.m.) Come when it is convenient that morning.

~ Carol Ricciardi, Leader

Good Neighbors Offering

An envelope is enclosed in this Messenger for your contribution to the "Good Neighbors Offering." Once again, 50% of the 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 experi-

"Socktober"

The Deacons are once again this year designating October as "SOCKTOBER" month and are asking church members to bring socks to church during the Sundays in October. Our donations will be given to the Salvation Army which was very appreciative of the socks FPC donated last year. They asked especially for men's socks and "hospital" socks with those gripper like soles. They will accept slightly used hospital socks if they are washed and put in plastic bags. Large baskets for your donations will be at the sanctuary entrances each Sunday during October.



What is Happening with our Monarchs?

Have you been seeing Monarchs sipping at your flowers? I have had some visiting mine also. These should be the wonderful generation of Monarchs that will soon be heading south for Mexico. I recently read that this generation possible develops from a larger Chrysalis. I'm curious if this means that these special butterflies might be a bit larger. I am researching to see if this is true. I have been worried that the recent hurricane in Texas might have caused problems for the Monarchs. It seems that these miraculous creatures sense the storms and protect themselves. They also know how to adjust their flight to be able to find food sources during their flight. They certainly are amazing creatures. In the meantime, be watching for the Monarchs as they search out the nectar flowers to give them strength to make their long migratory flight to Mexico. When I spoke to the Daytimers earlier this month, I mentioned the Mexirocks program. Children in Mexico hand paint rocks with lovely pictures of Monarch butterflies. They sell them to help save the oyamel trees that the Monarchs hang on during their migration in Mexico. The net profits go to the kids that paint them, their families, and their school, to alleviate the poverty that drives them to cut down these very important trees that the Monarchs depend on. The beautiful rocks make lovely gifts for nature loving friends and family members. Look for more information about them on "saveourmonarchs.org".

~ 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.

September 24 Regular Gathering - Hot Dogs, Chips, Dessert
October 1 Regular Gathering - Chicken, JoJos, Fruit
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 Chimers:

Meets during Pres-Bees / Director - Cheryl McDevitt

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; 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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Handbell Basics

If you would like to learn more about the skills involved in ringing handbells, please contact Cheryl McDevitt to arrange a mutually agreeable time for an individual lesson, or two or three! There is absolutely no obligation to make a commitment to be part of a bell choir. But if you have always wondered about the bells, here's a chance to learn more about them. Email CherMcD@aol.com or call Cheryl at home, 330-332-0610, if you are interested.



September

Happy Birthday!
Barbara Bozich (27), Kay Stanga (28)

- 20 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)
- 21 / Thurs 6:30 A.I.D. Board Meeting (110)
7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)
- 22/ Fri Church Office closes at 4:00 p.m.
- 23 / Sat 8:00 am Making Stuffed Pepper Soup (K)
- 24 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)
11:30 Soup to Go - Stuffed Pepper
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
4:30-6:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:00-6:30 LOGOS
6:00 Cub Scout Pack Meeting (FH)
- 25 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 27 / Weds 6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 29 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)



October

Happy Birthday!
Mary Bryan (2), 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)

- 1 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
World 9:15 Sunday School
Communion 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
Sunday 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)



- 2 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 3 / Tues 10:00 United Quilt Guild (FH) *No Vendors*
- 4 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - *Jenny's Collection*
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 5 / Thurs Preschool Bike Parades - Th/Fr
**7:00 Committee Night - CE (106),
Mission I and S (FH), Property (107),
Worship, Music, 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)
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
4:30-6:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
5:00-6:30 LOGOS
6:00 Cub Scout Pack Meeting (B)
- 9 / Mon Preschool Pictures (107)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 10 / Tues Preschool Pictures (107)
8:30 am Investment Comm. (110)
- 11 / Weds 6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
6:45 Finance Committee (107)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 13 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)
- 15 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
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)



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