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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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Sunday, September 25 — The 19th Sunday after Pentecost



Scripture: Psalm 37:1-10
2 Timothy 1:1-7
Luke 17:5-10
Sermon: *Credit Where Credit is Due*
Liturgist: Paul Fennema
Music: Haviland Choir

Sunday, October 2 — World Communion Sunday The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



Scripture: Amos 6:4-7, Psalm 146,
Luke 16:19-31
Sermon: *Convinced Yet?*
Liturgist: Julie Mackall
Music: Haviland Choir -
Let Us Break Bread Together

Dear Friends,

It has been my fond wish for several years to see our Church develop a relationship with an international mission project. I firmly believe that “putting a face” to the World Mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) would energize and engage us as few other involvements can do. Since I met a number of our mission personnel at the “Big Tent” in the summer of 2015, we’ve been talking about visiting those mission co-workers who work with a group called CEDEPCA (the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America) in Guatemala. We currently have four Church members, two people who grew up in this Church, myself, and a member’s friend who are committed to the trip, which will take place in February 2017. This trip will be an “Intercultural Encounter” that will not only help us learn about Presbyterian mission in Guatemala, but will inform us about the culture from which many of our Salem neighbors come.

We need to raise about \$10,000 in order to fund this trip. We will begin with a “Good Neighbors Offering” to be collected during this season when we celebrate World Communion Sunday. Half of the receipts from this Offering will be used toward the expenses of the trip. Our travelers ask for your support through this Offering and through the other fund-raisers we will be doing in the months ahead.

The other half of the Good Neighbors Offering will be donated to the K-9 Fund benefiting the Salem Police Department and their new K-9 officer “Simon.” Many thanks to Detective Brad Davis for sharing news this past Sunday about Simon’s already-impressive record in assisting with drug-related arrests in Salem.

Another opportunity to learn about World Mission will require only a trip to this Church! Dr. Mary Mikhael, from the staff of the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon, will be our guest on Sunday, October 23 at 2 p.m. Please invite your friends; we hope that other congregations will be represented as well.

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*), Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Nova Eichler, Brenda Farley (*Ethel Clark's daughter*), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Rev. Dick Ferris, 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 (*had back surgery*), Hannah Lanza-Roth (*granddaughter of Cheryl and Gary Kekel*), Adrienne Leiendecker (*Dick and Eileen Shanker's neighbor's daughter*), Brenda Lipp, Russell Loudon, Larry Lozier, Anne Lutz (*Jan Jones' friend*), John Martsof, Sally Mason (*had knee surgery*), 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*), Dale Riley (*Stated Clerk of Eastminster Presbytery*), Steve Rozeski (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Connie Bowman Rowe (*Helen Hayes' friend*), Terry Rufer (*had knee surgery*), 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 (*had heart surgery*), Lauren Work (*Paul and Fredda Work's daughter-in-law*), Ruth Wright (*Ann Sandrock's friend*)

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, 502; Dorothy Gibson, 303
Brookdale Austintown: Henry and Dottie Zimmerman; 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd 44515
Courtyard: Janice Olmstead, 301

Envelope Income received September 4, 2016	\$ 1,931.50
Envelope Income received September 11, 2016	\$ 3,357.50
Envelope Income received September 18, 2016	\$ 2,572.50
General Fund Balance, July 31, 2016	\$ 4,972.72
August Revenues	21,542.20
August Transfer	2,308.33
August Expenses	25,218.59
General Fund Balance, August 31, 2016	\$ 3,604.66
Louisiana Flooding Relief	\$ 100.00
Per Capita (\$32.15 per Active Member)	\$ 1,928.80

Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251
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

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Bob and Susan Merry and the family on the death of Susan's brother, Allen Hays; and to Ruth Zerbs and the family on the death of her sister-in-law, Gertrude "Trudy" Elizabeth (Zerbs) Works.

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DiscipleFest 2016

Saturday, October 22

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church
 Akron

(See Insert in this Newsletter)

Many, many thanks to all of you who so thoroughly surprised me on my 50th Ordination Anniversary! To Alice and ???, who orchestrated the celebration without my knowing anything; to Barb Marra for making the beautiful card; to Brenda Johnson for the spectacular cake; to Meta for her kind words; to each of you and all of you who signed the card and spoke with me before and after our morning worship service. It was a privilege to serve you on the church staff; it is a continuing privilege to be able to worship with you. You are 'way up there' in the positive and fulfilling experiences I've had during these 50 years. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Peace and blessings, always – Ross Jackson

Thank You

A HUGE thank you to those who helped in any way with The Banquet in Salem. 243 people were served.

Kim Double

Our second **Tinsel and Talents** event will be Sunday, December 4 at 5:00. It's not too early to start thinking about how you can participate. The first hour will feature Christmas music performed by our bell choirs and by musicians of all ages. After enjoying the musical gifts, we will move to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and to view items created by the hands of our many talented children and adults. Perhaps you, your parent, child or grandchild has a special creation to share. Mark your calendar for this fun evening of fellowship.

Soup-to-Go

Our "Soup-to-Go" Project resumes this Sunday, September 25 and continues at the end of most months through spring. Quart Mason jars of soup are prepared by volunteers the Saturday morning before Sunday sales and offered for sale directly after Sunday services. Jars are \$5 each and sell out quickly. This month's soup is *Stuffed Pepper*. Volunteers who can help make this month's soup this Saturday, September 24 should contact Carol Ricciardi or the Church Office. Prep time usually takes 2 hours starting at 9 a.m. Proceeds from the "Soup to Go" sales have been used for a variety of church projects.



Remember to return glass jars and lids so they can be used again.

If you have a great soup recipe, please consider sharing it through "Soup to Go". Contact Carol Ricciardi to get on the schedule.

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio, meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2016...

- Approved a proposed outline for the Confirmation Class to be held this year, working toward Confirmation on Easter Sunday, April 16.
- Approved a Special Offering for this fall called the "Good Neighbors Offering," with proceeds to be divided equally between the Salem Police Department's K-9 Fund and the trip to Guatemala planned for February 2017.
- Approved the Preschool Budget for 2016-2017 and heard of the great need for scholarship money for this academic year
- Scheduled the Annual Congregational/Corporation meeting for January 29, 2017.
- Heard an update on various projects being accomplished by the Property and Maintenance Committee, including the work on the Second Street sidewalk and retaining wall.
- Engaged in prayers of intercession for the members of the congregation, loved ones, and community members.

LOUISIANA FLOODING

We've received word from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance that Fund DR000191 has been established and dedicated to relief efforts in this particular disaster. If you wish to donate through this Church, your contributions will be forwarded appropriately.

Youth News

Sunday School:

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Teachers - Kim Double, Julie Mackall, Cara Stephens

Nursery provided during Sunday School and Worship

Substitute Teachers needed for 2016-2017, Preschool -Senior Highs. If this is something you are willing to consider, please contact Kim Double, Cara Stephens, or Phyllis at the Church Office.

Pres-Bees Youth Club: Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5
Wednesdays / 5:00-6:45 p.m. / Choir, Lesson, Craft, Dinner

October 19 First Gathering

October 26 Trunk or Treat

LOGOS: Youth in Grades 6-12 / LOGOS at 5:00 p.m.

LOGOS Bell Choir starts on October 2 at 4:15 in Room 200.

September 25 Regular Gathering

6:45 Parents and Potential Confirmands

Meeting in the Church Library

October 2 Regular Gathering

October 9 Regular Gathering

Revisiting the Monarch Butterflies

I'm not sure how many of you have been successful with your milkweed plants. Hopefully we have been able to provide at least a few more milkweed plants for our beautiful Monarch butterflies. They should be, by now, ready to begin their long flight south to Mexico. I have seen only a few Monarchs this summer but, I did see a monarch caterpillar in my flower garden on one of my established milkweed plants. I trust it found a safe place to make its chrysalis and will be hatching soon and be on its way to Mexico. I also got to be a part of the Monarch release last week held at the Beech Creek Botanical Garden in Alliance. It was an amazing experience.

I have recently become aware of a very exciting initiative that has been developed to help collect milkweed pods that will in turn help in the distribution and planting of seeds for next year. For those of you who have common milkweed plants growing on your property, or know where there are some, I encourage you to go online and watch the "Milkweed Pod Webinar" instructional video. It describes how to identify and collect pods for the Milkweed Seed Collection project in Ohio. It is sponsored by the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative. The Webinar gives very specific information and directions on how to gather the pods. Pods can be gathered until October 30 and delivered to the Columbianna Soil and Water Conservation District at 1834 South Lincoln Ave. You can call them at 330-332-8732 for more information.

September

Birthdays

Barbara Bozich (27), Kay Stanga (28)

- 21 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 22 / Thurs 6:30 A.I.D. Board Meeting (107)
- 23 / Fri **Church Office closes at 3:00 p.m.**
- 24 / Sat 9:00 Making Stuffed Pepper Soup (K)
- 25 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
 9:15-10:00 Sunday School
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
 10:30 Lord's Day Worship - *Grade 3 Bibles*
 11:30 Soup-to-Go (*Stuffed Pepper*)
 5:00 LOGOS (107)
 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)
 6:45 Parents and Potential Confirmands
Meeting in Church Library
- 26 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 28 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 30 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)



- 3 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 4 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 5 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) -
Teapots by Jenny Wilms
 6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 6 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night (S), then**
CE (106), Mission I and S (FH),
Property (107), Worship (109)
 7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
- 7 / Fri 5:30 Wedding Rehearsal (S)
 Tabetha Phillis / Anton Langer
- 8 / Sat 2:30 Phillis/Langer Wedding (S)
- 9 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
 9:15-10:00 Sunday School
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
 10:30 Lord's Day Worship
 4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
 5:00 LOGOS (FH)
 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

October

Birthdays

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)

- 2 / World 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
 9:15-10:00 Sunday School (FH)
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
 10:30 Lord's Day Worship -
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 2:00-4:00 Baby Shower (FH)
 4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
 5:00 LOGOS (107)
 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- Communion
 Sunday



- 10 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 11 / Tues **8:30 am Investment (107)**
 12:00 November Circle (Salem Golf Club)
- 12 / Weds 6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 13 / Thurs **7:00 Finance and Administration (107)**
- 14 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)
- 16 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
 9:15-10:00 Sunday School
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
 10:30 Lord's Day Worship
 4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
 5:00 LOGOS (FH)
- 17 / Mon 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
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.](#)