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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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Sunday, January 2 — Epiphany Sunday / The 9th Day of Christmas

“Happy Birthday, Jesus” Coffee Hour by Sunday School children;
Children will sing “12 Days of Christmas” during worship

Sermon: “Something Old, Something New”
Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6; Revelation 21:1-7; Matthew 2:1-23

Cookbooks
\$10.00
Fellowship
Hall
Congregational
Care Project

Sunday, January 9 — The Baptism of Our Lord

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper; Ordination/Installation of Elders and Deacons



Sermon: “Opened Eyes”
Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9, Matthew 3:13-17
Music: Haviland Choir

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It is a good thing to observe Christmas day... But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background and your duties in the middle distance and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe and look around for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness – are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall far behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open – are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world – stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death – and that the blessed life that began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas.

*And if you can keep it for a day, why not always?
But you can never keep it alone.*

~~ Henry van Dyke, 1924

Prayer Concerns

Salem Hospital: Mary Kekel, 155-2 (Gary Kekel's mother)

Others: Warren and Barbara Bettis, Terry Carman (Wavelene Arnold's brother-in-law), Rev. Larry Chamberlain, 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, Patti Johnson (Mickey Buck's friend), Al Kenreigh (home), Polly Kendall, Tink Layden, Char McDevitt, Fred McNeal (Jim McNeal's brother), Bessie McQuiston (Mickey Buck's friend), Pat Milligan (home, New Wilmington PA), Janie Mowery (Marilyn Ward's friend), Doris Nuckols, 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), Dave Scarpitti (Bob and Deb McCulloch's friend), Bill Schuller (John Krauss' friend), Gene Shafer, Karlie Stith (Harvey and Sally Mason's great granddaughter), Marvin Sutcliffe, Ellen Tetlow, Ann Theil

Special Care Facilities

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

Copeland Oaks: Chet Roof, 6202

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 3: Ibbey Dales, 211

Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234

Roselawn Terrace: Barbara Bettis, 104 (Warren Bettis' wife); 11999 Klinger Ave NE, Alliance OH 44601

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 December 5	\$ 4,121.00
Envelope Income received December 12	\$ 6,214.50
Envelope Income received December 19	\$ 4,116.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2010	(-\$4,151.66)
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 1,941.00
Per Capita (\$28 / 2010 Goal: \$13,328)	\$ 3,889.00
Per Capita (\$29 / 2011 Goal: \$12,963)	

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In Memoriam
Verna (Lippiatt) Stevens

Joined First Church
June 8, 1952

Died — December 23, 2010

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord hence forth...that they may rest from their labors for their deeds follow them."
...Revelation 14:13

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to the family of Verna Stevens; to Lee and Sue Simon and the family on the death of Lee's father, George S. Simon; and to John and Jane Stoffer and the family on the death of Jane's sister.

Betty Hofmeister and Verna Stevens were the first women Elders of First Church.

Thank You !

Merry Christmas! Thank you so much for the cards, prayers, visits, and flowers. I am now recuperating at home.

Al Kenreigh

Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,
Your generous donation of \$9,404.50 to the Salem Community Pantry in 2010 helped us organize, remodel the building, buy **tons** of food, and keep our doors open every week for almost a year. Thank you for joining the others in the community to form a strong, caring group during these difficult economic times. May the love of the season be shared throughout the year.

Jackie Berthold, Treasurer

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jim Mohr who received the first Scouting Service Award from Ruritan National at a recent meeting of the Winona Ruritans.

Congratulations to Harrison Smith who graduated on December 18 from Slippery Rock State University with a B.A. degree in philosophy.

~ Youth News ~

Sunday, January 2 — Christmastide (FH)
Happy Birthday Jesus!
Cake for Coffee Hour
Children singing *Twelve Days of Christmas* for
Worship

Sunday, January 2 — No LOGOS

Wednesday, January 5 —

Baby Jesus Birthday Party at Pres-
Bees

Children are to bring a wrapped gift
for a baby. *Members of the congrega-
tion are also invited to place items in the
box on the stage in Fellowship Hall.*



Sunday, January 9 — Regular LOGOS

We will spend time in January sharing ideas and
thoughts on "If We Are the Body" by *Casting
Crowns*.

Sunday, January 16 — LOGOS Pool Party at
Salem Community Center — watch for details!

LOGOS Dinner Sign Up Sheet is on the Bul-
letin Board in Fellowship Hall

JBM Fundraiser — please call Kim Double
about selling candy bars.

The Salem Community Pantry is looking for a person to fill the role of Pantry Coordinator. This is a volunteer position involving a minimum of ten hours a week. The right person will have a passion for feeding those in need in the Salem community. This person will also exhibit skills in management, handling volunteers, and dealing with the public. Persons interested should contact Pastor Alan Smearsoll, President of the Board, at 330-332-5042.



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

Your Session at Work

Your Session, meeting on December 16, approved:

- ✦ Planned activities for LOGOS and a fundraiser for JBM camping;
- ✦ the LOGOS Youth leading worship on February 6, when Meta Cramer will be at a meeting of the Permanent Judicial Commission;
- ✦ the design of new pew envelopes and a new brochure pertaining to the new Permanent Fund Ministry Policy;
- ✦ the Budget for 2011, which will be shared at a Congregational meeting on January 30;
- ✦ the transfer of 33 persons from the Active to the Inactive Roll

*At the Congregational Meeting on Sunday,
December 19, the following were elected:*



Elders, Class of 2013: Pat Butler, Corey Kuhns, Carol Ricciardi, Lorin Shepard, Marilyn Ward

Deacons, Class of 2013: Mary Bryan, Dick Dale, Joan Ferrier, Jody Karmazin, Sue Kyser

Members-at-Large for 2011 Nominating Committee:
Ona Mae Erath, Gail Tetlow

- ✓ **Offering Envelopes for 2011** are in Fellowship Hall.
- ✓ **Mission Yearbooks for 2011** are available for \$5 in the Church Office.
- ✓ **Flower and Bulletin Donors** are needed for 2011. Flowers are \$10 a vase; Bulletins are \$15 a Sunday.
- ✓ **Annual Reports** are due in the Church Office by Friday, January 7, 2011.
- ✓ **Per Capita Apportionment for 2011** is \$29 per Active Member.

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!

Polly Kendall (28), Juanita Latham (29)

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



January 2011

Happy Birthday!

Alberta Herron (6),
Josephine Hawkins (8)

1 / Sat Happy New Year!

2 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School (FH)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
Happy Birthday Jesus! (Cake)
10:30 Worship — Youth singing
"Twelve Days of Christmas"



3 / Mon Church Office Closed for Holiday

4 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)

5 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH)
*A Brief Minuscule Glance at the Civil War
according to Tom, Goldie, and Ken*
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club —
Baby Jesus Party
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

6 / 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, Arts (100)



Committees

7 / Fri Annual Reports Due



9 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) — *Communion,
Ordination and Installation of Officers*
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



10 / Mon 11:00 Church Staff Meeting (110)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
7:00 Congregational Care (FH)

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

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

16 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

17 / Mon No Preschool
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

18 / Tues 10:00-5:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)

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

20 / Thurs 9:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) Th/F

23 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

24 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

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

27 / Thurs 9:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) Th/F
7:00 Session (107) — Note Date Change

30 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Study (110)
9:00 Confirmation Class (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) followed by
Annual Congregational Meeting
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)