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# The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 a.m. Worship

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## February 14 — The Transfiguration of the Lord

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper / Boy Scout Sunday

Sermon: "Preparing for an Exodus"  
Scripture: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; Luke 9:28-36  
Music: Cherub and Haviland Choirs

February 17 — Ash Wednesday — Services will be held at 12 Noon and 7 p.m.



Children participating in Pres-Bees and their families  
are invited to a brief service at 6:10 p.m.

## February 21 — The First Sunday in Lent

Sermon: "On Our Lips, in Our Hearts"  
Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13  
Music: Praise and Haviland Choirs  
Liturgist: Judy Herron



### Valentine Potluck Dinner

Feb 14 at 5:30 pm

"Kekel Kabaret"  
Gary & Cheryl Kekel

Betty Rance Memorial  
Dessert Auction:  
Heart Shaped  
Pumpkin Pie in  
Chantal Pie Plate  
Yo-Yo's, Pound Cake,  
and more...

Bring non-perishable item  
for Community Pantry

Proceeds to LOGOS Youth  
and Project H.E.L.L.O.

Dear Friends,

This Sunday the Haviland Choir's anthem was the wonderful hymn "Here I Am, Lord," including the lyrics, "I, the Lord of snow and rain...."! Yes, our Lord is the God of snow -- as well as of all creation -- whether or not we enjoy this hiatus in our daily routine. I am happy that our parking lot was plowed and that some of us were able to worship together, albeit in much smaller numbers than usual.

We also collected for the "Souper Bowl of Caring." You will read elsewhere in this newsletter of our LOGOS group's efforts in planning and preparing a dinner to be served on February 21 at the St. Vincent DePaul Mission in Youngstown. You will also read about a Valentine Potluck, a Pasta Dinner, a Pancake Breakfast, and a Soup Luncheon! Eating together is a way of building community and strengthening friendships, as Jesus certainly knew. Not only do we gather at the Lord's Table next Sunday, but we are being provided with many opportunities to gather in Fellowship Hall and break bread together.

This cold and somewhat snow-bound week, it is good to know that before the winter is over we will be having these opportunities to share warm soup and many other goodies with each other. It is also heartening to know that because of the Souper Bowl of Caring, our youth will be sharing hot food with those who may not have a bowl of soup to eat.

As the hymn goes on to say: "I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied."

We thank God for the "finest bread," many "feasts," and opportunities to share God's gifts with others. When God asks, "Whom shall I send?" we have been given the grace to answer, "Here we are, Lord. Send us!"

Blessings, Meta

## Prayer Concerns

Evelyn Babb (*friend of Janice Bethel*), Elvira Bass, Karen Bass (*Mary Frances Breit's sister, niece*), Ellen Becker (*family friends of Bob and Sue Merry*), Warren and Barbara Bettis, Dick Bryan, Sally Collins, Joe Gibson (*Barb Gibson's son, Nancy Fawcett's nephew*), Hayden Johnson, [www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden](http://www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden), Tink Layden, Joe Lippiatt (*Sue Sinclair's brother and Penny Lippiatt's nephew*), Char McDevitt, Bill McDevitt, Nancy Mickey (*Lori Mickey's mother in law*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Eleanor Robertson, Melvin Wilms

## Special Care Facilities

**Blossom:** Rosann Butler, 111A; Tony Dominic, 116 (*Stella Dominic's husband*); Jean Pridon, 112 (*Sam Pridon's wife*); Mary Jane Stamp, 108 (*Ruth Newman's mother*)  
**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  
**Courtyard:** Phyllis Lamb, 109; Betty Potter, 202 (*Helen Hayes' mother*)  
**Crandall:** Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*); Virginia Stanley (*Judi Bender's mother*), Verna Stevens, 9213  
**Essex 1:** Juanita Starbuck, 105 (*Ray Starbuck's wife*)  
**Essex 3:** Ibby Dales, 211  
**Grace Woods Village:** Jo Hawkins, 234  
**Pleasant View North:** Virginia Limestahl, 17 (*Lu Ann Cole's mother*)

## Armed Forces

† **SGT Conrad, Emily** — 1443A Circle Dr, Fort Campbell KY 42223 (*Gloria Shafer's cousin*)  
 † **SGT Double C** — 1st MAR DIV, 3rd Amphibious Assault BN, H & S CO, MCM PLT (*Barbara Double's grandson*)  
 † **SGT Fennema, John T** — [fennma33@yahoo.com](mailto:fennma33@yahoo.com) (*Paul and Barb Fennema's son*)  
 † **LCPL Gibbs, Jeremy B.** — 5988 Tulagi Place, Tarawa Terrace NC 28543 (*Charles and Margaret Gibbs' grandson*)

FINANCIALS

Envelope Income received February 7, 2010	\$ 3,334.00
General Fund Balance, December 31, 2009	\$ 7,154.49
January Revenue	\$50,280.29
January Disbursements	\$27,734.08
General Fund Balance, January 31, 2010	\$29,700.70
Haiti Relief (write DR000064 on check)	\$ 555.00
Per Capita ( <b>\$28 / Goal: \$13,328</b> )	\$ 2,300.00
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 301.05

† **2LT Halverstadt, Jon** — 858 MCT / Joint Base Balad / APO AE 09391 / (*Dave and Becky Halverstadt's son*)  
[jphalve@gmail.com](mailto:jphalve@gmail.com)  
 † **PVT Hill, Zachary** — D Company 2 -81 ARBN, 3rd Platoon Warlords, 3576 Wilson Rd, Fort Knox, KY 40121-5728; (*Gloria Shafer's son*)  
[Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil](mailto:Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil)  
 † **CPL Lee, Stacy** — CLB-5 HQ CO, UNIT 42230, FPO AP 96426-2230  
 † **SGT Stith, Ryan** — Kilo Company, MCT SOI, Camp Pendleton CA 92055 (*Harvey Mason's grandson*)

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In Memoriam  
 Carolene Watkins

United with First Church  
 March 28, 1948

Died — February 5, 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 Carolene Watkins.

### Open Dates for Bulletins:

February 21, March 21, 28, April 11, 18, 25; \$15/Sunday

### Open Dates for Flowers:

February 21 (1 vase), March 7, April 11 (1 vase); \$10/Vase

*Thank You*

I would like to express my gratitude to the congregation for their cards, well wishes, and prayers during my mother's illness and her passing. Thank you.

Kathy Loudon

Thank you for the cards, flowers, and visits during my stay at Blossom.

Rosann Butler

Thank you so much for all you have done for me over more than three years during my knee issues. The cards, phone calls, the beautiful flowers, visits, and especially your prayers, have been very uplifting. I really believe that my most recent surgery will mark an end to these problems, and I look forward to seeing you in church soon. Sincerely,

Bill McDevitt

We really appreciate you remembering us over here. I hope Salem is as beautiful as when I left. I've come to the realization over my few years wandering this earth how much of a privilege it is to be from a place like Salem. While it will never be confused with an exciting place, it has so many interesting and mostly upstanding residents. Not many people have a sense of identity tied to their hometown. I'm lucky. We will be coming home soon. Hello to all!

Jon Halverstadt (*in Iraq*)

# Easter



February 14, 21, 28, March 7  
Place order in Fellowship Hall  
during Coffee Hour

**Daffodils, Hyacinths,  
Lilies, Tulips**

\$7.00 each

## Salem Community Pantry



The new Salem Community Pantry is located at 794 East Third Street and is open for food distribution on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. Clients are eligible for a three day supply of food weekly. Volunteers are still needed to staff the pantry (Sign-up Sheets are at Sanctuary entrances). **Note** — Please read the letter from the President of the Salem Community Pantry included with this newsletter.

The Preschool is so grateful for the support of our church family. At the urging of the Preschool Advisory Board, we have reinstated the "Wish List" for items needed by the Preschool for our day to day activities. The Preschool parents have responded wonderfully to our requests yet we can always use more help! The **Wish List for February** is Tacky Glue (Aileen's, JoAnn's own brand), and Paper Towels. We truly appreciate the donation of any of these items.



## Presbyterian Women

**The February Circle** will meet on Wednesday, February 10 at 9 a.m. at the Brighton Hot Dog Shoppe.

**The March Circle** will meet on Wednesday, February 10 at 9:15 a.m. at the Church in Room 110.

**The April Circle** will meet on Tuesday, February 16 at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center for dinner and also be supporting the Salem Community Pantry. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from a Kiwanian, Rotarian, or from the Community Center. Call Grace Smith, 330-332-8312, if you can go.

**The October Circle** will meet on Wednesday, February 10 at Noon at the Salem Golf Club.

**Note** — A Financial Report is in the mailbox of each Circle Leader.



The ROC Youth Center of Salem is an ecumenical Christian ministry for teenagers (ages 14-20). The ROC building on South Lundy will be open on two Saturday nights in February — February 13 and February 27 — from 7-10 p.m. Adult volunteers (ages 21 and up) are needed. Please contact Director Eric Hamilton at [eric.theroc@hotmail.com](mailto:eric.theroc@hotmail.com) or via phone at 330.427.0163. Or, just stop by The ROC to see what's happening! Beginning in March, we expect to be open every Saturday from 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.

### Worship Service Schedule

Cable TV Channel 9 / \*Schedule subject to change

Sunday — 2 a.m.\* / Tuesday — 12 p.m., 4 p.m.

Wednesday — 4 a.m.\*, 4 & 9 p.m.

Friday — 4 a.m.\*, 4 p.m.\* / Saturday — 2 a.m.\*

Senior High Pasta Dinner — Sunday, March 7  
following Worship / LOGOS Fundraiser

Pancake Breakfast — Saturday, March 13  
7:30-10:30 a.m. / Fellowship Hall  
Adults — \$6; Children 10 and under — \$4  
Proceeds to Habitat Apostles Build

Soup Luncheon — Sunday, March 21  
following Worship / Guest Speaker:  
Barbara Loudon — Habitat Apostles Build




# February

10 / Weds      Preschool Valentine Parties  
 9:00 February Circle (Hot Dog Shoppe)  
 9:15 March Circle (I 10)  
 12:00 October Circle (Salem Golf Club)  
 4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
 7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)

11 / Thurs      Preschool Valentine Party  
**7:00 Finance/Administration (107)**

12 / Fri      No Preschool

14 / Sun      9:00 Sunday School  
 9:00 Adult Bible Study (I 10)  
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
 10:30 Worship — *Cherub Choir*  
*Sacrament of Lord's Supper*  
*Boy Scout Sunday*  
 5:30 Valentine Potluck Dinner (FH)   
 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



15 / Mon      No Preschool

16 / Tues      9:30-10:30 Preschool (109)

17 / Weds      9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)  
 12:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)  
 4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)  
 7:30 Men's Bible Study (109)  
 7:30 Haviland Choir (S)



18 / Thurs      12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (109)  
**7:00 Session (107)**

21 / Sun      9:00 Sunday School  
 9:00 Adult Bible Study (I 10)  
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
 10:30 Worship — *Praise Choir*  
 LOGOS serving Dinner at St. Vincent  
 DePaul Mission in Youngstown  
 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)

22 / Mon      8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) - M/Tu/Th/F  
 9:15 Preschool Registration (FH)  
 9:30-10:30 Preschool (109) - M/Tu  
 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

24 / Weds      8:45 Preschool Vision Screening (107)  
 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)  
 4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
 7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)

27 / Sat      10:00 — 2:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)

28 / Sun      9:00 Sunday School  
 9:00 Adult Bible Study (I 10)  
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
 10:30 Worship — *Ross Jackson in Pulpit*  
 4:30 LOGOS (107)  
 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3  
 Blue and Gold Banquet (FH)

# March



## Happy Birthday!

*Lois Roth (5), Rolin Herron (8), Jim Mohr (10),  
 Ellen Tetlow (16), Joe Marra (21), Sam Pridon (21),  
 Suzanne Cain (24), Ethel Helm (27)*

1 / Mon      8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) - M/Tu/Th/F  
 9:30-10:30 Preschool (109) - M/Tu  
**9:30 Presbyterian Women (107)**  
 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**

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

3 / Weds      Preschool Speech/Hearing (107/109)  
 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)  
 4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
 7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)

4 / Thurs      Preschool Speech/Hearing (107/109)  
 7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (I 10)  
**7:00 Committee Night:**  
**Christian Education (106)**  
**Mission I and S (FH)**  
**Property and Maintenance (107)**  
**Worship, Music and the Arts (109)**