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THE PRESBYTERIAN MESSENGER

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November 12

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Exodus 33:7-11a
1 Corinthians 16:1-6
Matthew 17:24-27

Sermon: *"Meeting God in Places and People"*

Liturgist: Barb Yonker

Music: Haviland Choir

November 19

25th Sunday after Pentecost
Fall Soup Luncheon following Worship

Scriptures: Psalm 136:1-9, 26
Ephesians 2:12-22

Sermon: *"God's Peace Is Our Thanksgiving"*

Liturgist: Mark Smith

Music: Haviland Choir, Carillon Ringers

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 118:29

November has arrived and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. It is that time of the year when we are reminded to pause and think about our many blessings. While it is good to count our blessings, it is also a good time to share with others.

Our church had a great history of helping others. Traditionally, our church family has supported many local missions. Most recently, this past October, we donated 774 pairs of socks to the Salvation Army. Our latest "Soup to Go" donated a full pot of soup to their program, and the proceeds from October's soup although not yet decided, will go to a local mission. Each Christmas, members of our congregation participate in the Salvation Army's Angel Tag project. Donations given at our soup luncheons are donated to local missions and our church is a strong supporter of the AID program just to name a few.

Last year, the Congregational Care Committee initiated a new opportunity for us to express our gratitude by donating to the Salem Food Pantry through money collected in Blessings Jars. Thanks to our generous Church Family, we were able to donate close to \$1000.00 through this one simple act of gratitude. Can we do it again this year? Let's try!

The Blessings Jars will be at all the church entrances on November 19th. Take them home and start dropping in your loose change (or more) as you acknowledge the Blessings in your life. Bring them back December 17 or 24. Let's see how much we can give to the Food Pantry this year!

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

Ruling Elder Carol Ricciardi, Moderator of Congregational Care Committee

CHURCH INFORMATION:

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Pastoral Care, Hospital and Nursing Home Visits: Rev. Trina Lewis is delighted to call on shut-ins of First Presbyterian Church. Also, she will provide communion to those who desire it. If you or a loved one would like a visit, please let Trina know or call Phyllis at the Church Office.

Thank You Notes:

Thank you to my wonderful soup crew who helped to make the 6 pots of Stuffed Pepper soup. It could not have been done without you. Thanks to our pepper choppers – Barb Fennema, Barb Yonker, Nancy McNeal, Sandy Quinn, Kathie Baker, and our newest chopper, Darlene Votaw. We were so glad to have you with us. Thanks also to Mike Quinn and Sam Ricciardi who took charge of the pots while the ladies were chopping. It was a combined effort and a great time for fellowship. ~ *Carol Ricciardi*

What a wonderful night we all had at the Preschool Trunk or Treat. I'm not sure who had more fun, the little ones, their parents, or the generous church members who opened up their trunks (18 of them!) and treated the children to a wide variety of treats. The cars filled the church parking lot on that beautiful warm fall evening. Thank you everyone for coming and showing your love and support to the Preschool families. ~ *Carol Ricciardi*

Empty Egg Cartons for Salem Community Pantry

Place them in the collection bin at the side door at 794 East 3rd Street (corner of 3rd and Vine).

Peace and Global Witness Offering - \$3,005 towards goal of \$3,200.

Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 12, 2023, following morning worship for the purpose of electing officers (Elders and Deacons) to the Class of 2026 and to amend the By-laws as follows: *The session, and the congregation/corporation may meet by electronic means if all members have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to simultaneously hear and be heard so that they may discuss, deliberate, and discern the will of God together. This includes joining one or more persons electronically to an otherwise in-person meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be the same as physical meetings.* Ref: Book of Order G-1.0501.

Fall Soup Luncheon – Sunday, November 19

Come join us in Fellowship Hall following worship for our Fall Soup Luncheon. Anyone wishing to bring soup to share would be appreciated. Sponsored by the Congregational Care Committee.

The Christian Education Committee has responsibility for Coffee Hours and some Sunday Service-related efforts during the month of December. We would like to enlist the help of the youth of the Church and their families. Please identify below any event your child and/or family are willing to help with and what date(s) you are available. Please leave a note in Judy Herron's mailbox or call Bill Penfold, 330-831-2673.

December 3 – Coffee Hour (9:45-10:20); Worship: Liturgist / Lighting Advent Candles / Ushers / Offering

December 10 – Coffee Hour (9:45-10:20); Worship: Liturgist / Lighting Advent Candles / Ushers / Offering

December 17 – Worship: Lighting Advent Candles / Ushers / Offering

December 24 – Coffee Hour (9:45-10:20); Worship: Lighting Advent Candles / Ushers / Offering

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 7:30 p.m.: Lighting Advent Candles / Ushers / Offering

December 31 – Worship: Liturgist / Ushers / Offering

Soup to Go – Sunday, December 3

Chili by Paul Fennema, \$5 a quart. Please return jars and lids. If you'd like to join Paul in making Chili, come at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 2.

"A Journey to Joy" – Sunday, December 17

10:30 a.m. Worship – A Cantata for Christmas by Joseph M. Martin by Haviland Choir with Guest Vocalists and Musicians.

Preschool News

Ohio Promise is an initiative aimed at creating better supports for Ohio children with special needs. The goal of the program is to ensure that every Ohio family is healthy and supported when needed. Children with disabilities must be included with their friends, neighbors, and peers from birth so they can thrive wherever they live, play, and learn. Inclusion means ensuring that everyone, regardless of their abilities, has the opportunity to participate fully in society. When we increase awareness and knowledge, we are ensuring that children with disabilities have access to the same opportunities as every other child. It is also about creating a society where all children are valued and respected.

The Presbyterian Preschool was selected to be one of the first fifty preschools in Ohio to receive the Inclusive Childcare Program designation. This designation demonstrates our preschool's ability to provide high-quality care and education. The Inclusive Child Care Program designation will signal to parents using the state's [childcare search tool](#) that an educator in our program has earned the Professional Early Childhood Inclusion Credential. Inclusive Childcare Program schools will be sought after in the community and may be eligible for financial and other incentives from national, state, and local opportunities.

This designation comes with a one-time payment of \$15,000 is to be used to continue inclusive childcare support, including but not limited to improving inclusive childcare programming, assisting with operating expenses and staff expenses, or the purchasing of adaptive or specialized equipment.

November

Happy Birthday! Ruth Varkonda (15)

- 8 / Weds 6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Finance and Administration via Zoom
- 9 / Thurs **5:30 Preschool Board of Trustees (L)**
- 10 / Fri 9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours (Closed 12-4 p.m.)
- 12 / Sun **9:00 Adult Church School (L)**
9:00 Church School for Grades 6-12 (Education Wing, Room 209)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Service of Worship
Congregational Meeting following Worship (*see page 3*)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)
- 13 / Mon 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:00 Scouts Troop 3 and 2003G (Scout Room / 209)
7:00 Congregational Care Committee (L)
- 14 / Tues **3:30 Personnel Committee** (Parlor)
4:00 Staff Evaluations by Personnel Committee (Parlor)
6:00 Eastminster Presbytery Meeting *via Zoom*
- 15 / Weds 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 16 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting (L) via Zoom and Hybrid**
- 17 / Fri 9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours (Closed 12-4 p.m.)
- 19 / Sun **9:00 Adult Church School (L)**
9:00 Church School for Grades 6-12 (Education Wing, Room 209)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Service of Worship
Fall Soup Luncheon following Worship
- 20 / Mon 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:00 Scouts Troop 3 and 2003G (Scout Room / 209)
- 22 / Weds 9:00-2:30 p.m. Church Office Hours (Closed 2:30-4:00 p.m.)
- 23 / Thurs *Thanksgiving – Church Office Closed*
- 24 / Fri Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 26 / Sun **9:00 Adult Church School (L)**
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Service of Worship – *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; Brass*
- 27 / Mon 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:00 Scouts Troop 3 and 2003G (Scout Room/209)



Salem Community Pantry – Mondays, 9-11 a.m.; Thursdays, 3-6 p.m. for people in 44460 zip code only.