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THE PRESBYTERIAN MESSENGER

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February 4 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany *Communion / Annual Congregational Meeting*

Scriptures: Isaiah 40:21-31;
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Sermon: “*Sharing Is Winning*”

Liturgist: Rev. Trina Lewis

Music: Haviland Choir



February 11 – Transfiguration of the Lord *Scout Sunday*

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 4:5-7; Mark 9:2-9

Sermon: “*Of Light and Clay*”

Liturgists: Cub Scout Pack 3, Troop 3
and 2003G Scouts

Music: Haviland Choir, Carillon Ringers



On Sunday, February 11, our congregation will be holding our annual Scout Sunday services. Scout Sunday is the day set aside each February to recognize the anniversary of the Scouting movement in the United States and for Scouts - and the communities which support them - to reflect on the first of the three key principles of Scouting, Duty to God. (The other two are Duty to Others and Duty to Self.)

The Scout Oath opens with “On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country,” and the Scout Law concludes with, “A Scout is Reverent.” According to the Scouts BSA Handbook, “A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.”

While many of our Troop 3 Scouts will be recognizing Scout Sunday in their own churches, many others will be joining our congregation to do their Duty to God by participating in our morning worship service. They will be acting as ushers and reading liturgy.

Although Scout Sunday is important to all of the Scouts participating, this year it will have particular meaning for one of our older Scouts, because it will be the first Scout Sunday service in which he participates as an Eagle Scout. On November 30, 2023, Zachary Gillis successfully completed his Eagle Scout Board of Review and was awarded Scouting highest rank.

Zachary’s Eagle Scout Court of Honor, the ceremony in which he will receive his award, will take place on Saturday, February 10, the day before Scout Sunday. As Zach’s Scoutmaster and as his father, we would like to welcome the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem to the ceremony as a way of thanking the church for supporting Zachary and his fellow Scouts on their Trail to Eagle.

The ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. at the church, with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining us, please call me (my number is in the church directory) or let me know when you see me in church, so we can get an accurate headcount.

This year will be a busy Scout Week for our Scouts and our congregation, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone at both ceremonies.

Yours in Scouting, *Ryan Gillis*, Troop 3 Boys Scoutmaster

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Thank You Notes:

What a blessing the Choir Christmas Program was! Thank you to John Krauss and all who participated. It was evident how much work they put into it. It was a beautiful service. ~ *Sandy Herman* (omitted from last newsletter)

Thanks to Sharon and Bob Bortz for delivering flowers. We appreciate all the thoughts and prayers for us. It's a slow process but we are making progress. ~ *Pat and Rich Eichler* (omitted from last newsletter)

Thanks to the ladies for planning and making this day a great Birthday Party. Thanks to Erma Eaton for the beautiful hand painted card. Thanks to my family, my church and choir family. It was a blessing to have you all celebrate this day with me. Thanks again and "Thanks Be to God". ~ *Karl Wright*

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers delivered by Sharon Bortz. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

~ *Rose Marie Crookston*

Thank you for your generous donation to The Brightside Project. Your contribution of \$162 is greatly appreciated and will be used to support our mission as we strive to help children in Columbiana County. Thank you so much for your support! With gratitude, *Scott Lewis, Executive Director, The Brightside Project*

Our sincere thanks for the donation of \$8,342.79 in 2023 which allows us to continue to provide services to our Salem neighbors during these challenging times. Your generosity is surely appreciated as we 'Help Salem Set the Table'. Sincerely, *Rose Converse, Treasurer, Salem Community Pantry Inc.*

The Board of Directors of The ROC of Salem, Inc. would like to thank you for your support of The ROC with your gift of \$1,000. Thank you for your help in making all of this possible and may God Bless you. Thankfully,

~ *Roger Hack, Treasurer*

Thank you for your support to rebuild First Presbyterian Church after the devastating fire of May 22, 2023, that destroyed our church building. We are grateful for your congregation's donation of \$1,000 as we continue to do God's work as a border church. Please keep us in your prayers as we struggle to find God's path for us as we work to heal our grief while making many decisions. In God's Love,

Peggy Christiansen, Jocabed Gallegos, James Martin of the First Presbyterian Church in Douglas, Arizona

HELP! Salem Mobile Meals really needs drivers. If you can help in any way, please call 330-332-2160.

~ *Geoff Goll, President*



The February 7 Daytimers program will be looking forward to spring. The program will inform and educate the attendees of the 'Need and Status of our Honeybees and Pollinators'. Abby Prieur from "Pheasants Forever" will join us for lunch at 12 Noon in Fellowship Hall, then offer the afternoon's program. Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship!

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio meeting on January 18, 2024 in person and hybrid:

- Reviewed responsibilities for Session Members as written in the *Book of Order*.
- Were challenged to develop a shorter Mission Statement.
- Heard of the Christian Education Committee's need for rummage sale workers and committee members.
- Heard that there would be a potluck dinner with the Preschool families on February 7.
- Approved the 2024 Annual Budget to present at the Congregational Meeting February 4, after worship.
- Approved four building requests.
- Approved a request from Worship Music and the Arts and Finance Committees for Music Permanent Funds to cover winter/spring instrumentalists.
- Approved Communion Sundays for February 4, March 3, March 28 (Maundy Thursday), March 31 (Easter), April 28, May 19 (Pentecost), and June 16.
- Approved an Ash Wednesday Service on February 14 at 6:30 p.m.
- Heard an update from the Pastor Search Committee.
- Approved the Deacons' Report including flower delivery schedule and bereavement volunteers for January and February.
- Set the next Moderators' Meeting for January 31 at 6:00 via Zoom.
- Nominated Jan Cox to serve as the second Elder on the 2024 Nominating Committee.
- Approved the updated Bylaws for the First Presbyterian Preschool.
- Heard that both Scout troops and pack have been chartered for another year.
- Approved the 2023 Church Statistical Report to submit to the Presbytery.
- Received the 2023 Annual Report to review and approve prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting.
- Offered Joys and Concerns for our church family.

January

31 / Weds 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:00 Moderators Meeting *via Zoom*
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

February: Happy Birthday!

Ethel Clark (4), Sandy Herman (8), Jan Jones (11), Sue Lewis (17)

1 / Thurs **6:00 Christian Education Committee** (L)
6:00 Mission I and S Committee (P)
7:00 Devotions (S)
7:15 Property & Maintenance Committee (L)
7:15 Worship, Music, & the Arts Committee (P)

4 / Sun 9:00 Adult Church School (L)
9:00 Church School for Grades 6-12 (209)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Service of Worship – *Communion*
Annual Congregational/Corporation Meeting
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

5 / Mon 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:00 Scouts Troop 3 (SR) and 2003G (209)
7:00 Board of Deacons (L)

6 / Tues 1:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)

7 / Weds 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
12:00 Daytimers (FH) – *“Looking Forward to Spring”*
with Abby Prieur: *Need and Status of our Honeybees and Pollinators*
5:30-7:00 Family Night Covered Dish (FH) –
“Celebrating Valentine’s Day” with Congregation and Preschool (*see article above*)
7:00 Finance and Administration Committee *via Zoom*

8 / Thurs **5:30 Preschool Board of Trustees** (L)

10 / Sat 1:00-7:00 Eagle Scout Court of Honor (S/FH) – *Public Invited*

11 / Sun 9:00 Adult Church School (L)
9:00 Church School for Grades 6-12 (209)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Service of Worship – *Scout Sunday*
3:00 Sandy Beaver Chapter of Order of Arrow Sipp-O Lodge (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

12 / Mon 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:00 Scouts Troop 3 (SR) and 2003G (209)

14 / Weds 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:30 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

15 / Thurs 7:00 Regular Session Meeting (Library, in person and Hybrid)

The Congregational Care Committee, working with the Presbyterian Preschool, is Celebrating Valentine’s Day with a special **Family Night on Wednesday, February 7th from 5:30 to 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall.** A covered dish dinner is planned with Valentine crafts to be made following dinner. This will be a great chance for our church members and the Preschool families to get to know each other. Dinner is planned for 5:30 with time for making the crafts to follow. Church members, please feel free to bring the special little people in your lives so they can make some crafts as well. It would be helpful if you would call the church office and let us know you are bringing them so that we can have enough supplies available for the crafts. I know some of you will be enjoying a covered dish lunch that day for Daytimers. Somehow, we double booked the day with Covered dish meals. But what could be better than 2 covered dish meals in one day with lots of good food to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you!

