

*Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis, Temporary Pastoral Leadership*  
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## THE PRESBYTERIAN MESSENGER

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### September 17

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

***Church School Brunch & Discussion at 9 a.m.***

Scriptures: Genesis 50:15-21  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: *"Measures of Grace"*

Liturgist: Tegan Jackson

Music: Haviland Choir

### September 24

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Jonah 3:10-4:11  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: *"Grace Moves"*

Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo

Music: Haviland Choir

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The Pastor Search Committee is moving forward. As promised, we are providing the congregation with monthly updates of our progress. The status of our search is as follows.

The committee was required under the new format by PCUSA to produce and get approved a new Ministry Discernment Profile, also referred to as the (MDF) and formerly known as the Ministry Information Form (MIF). This is basically the information about our church, our beliefs, and basic information in what we are looking for in a pastor.

During this process, the committee met with Barry Chance, Eastminster Presbytery General Presbyter and Stated Clerk, along with Mike Shepherd from the Committee on Ministry to seek guidance with the preparation.

This process was completed and presented to our Session for approval in a 14-page document on August 22, 2023, with members of our committee present to review and answer any questions.

The Session unanimously approved the MDF, and it was then forwarded to the COM and Presbytery leaders for approval. That approval was received on August 23, 2023.

The information was then entered into the system and matched with the ministers that are seeking a call. Currently, we have 14 ministers Personal Discernment Profiles (PDP) that match our church. Two of the PDP's received were from ministers that saw our MDF, were interested in our church, and forwarded their PDP's to us.

We are in the process of reviewing and interviewing the information we have and ask for your support and continued prayers during this process.

*Ray Cox, Moderator of Pastor Search Committee*

**CHURCH INFORMATION:**

**Temporary Pastoral Leadership:**

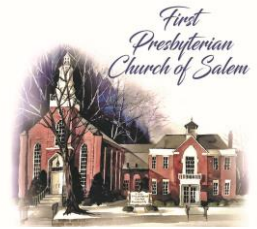
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**You Tube:** [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) / FPCSALEM (*Service streamed 10:30 am on Sunday*)



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**Thank You Notes:**

It was a nice surprise to have Sue and Bob Merry stop by last Sunday bearing flowers (and tidings) from Service! I thank them and realize I have been quite remiss in thanking so many friends from the congregation and choir who have been so supportive, with flowers and treats, phone calls and visits, over the past many months, and everyone who has sent their prayers and thoughts to Cheryl and me. Our journey is so much more bearable knowing that loving kindness from our Church Family. Thank you. *Gary Kekel*

Thank you so much for all the cards and prayers, and to Rev. Trina Lewis for her visits. *Gladys Votaw*

Dear Friends, My late husband, Jim Latham, had been Interim of the Salem Church and I, an Elder. Now at almost 99 years, December, would you please include me on the prayer list as I broke my hip. (I am an active member of the Shallotte Presbyterian Church.) May you continue to serve God's people so reverently. Peace, *Juanita Latham*

**New Member** class will meet on Sunday, September 24, at 9:15 a.m. in the Library led by Rev. Frank Lewis.

**Tai Chi** class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall led by Rev. Frank Lewis. The class is free and open to everyone of all ages. Movements are slow and gentle, promoting balance, stability, stress reduction, mental focus, flexibility, inner strength, and overall wellness.

**Please check the table in Fellowship Hall for any items you may have left at the church.**



The **Peace and Global Witness Offering** enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. The Mission I and S Committee set a goal of \$3200 for this special offering, with 25% share given to 'Save 22', a Veteran's outreach agency. To date, we have received \$572.

**SOCK-TOBER** – The Congregational Care Committee is asking church members to bring socks to church during the Sundays in October. Any kind of socks are welcome. Baskets for your donations will be at Sanctuary entrances each Sunday during October.

**Café Justo's great Organic Coffee** is for sale. Cost is \$12 for a 1-pound bag of Regular, Decaf, or Whole Bean Coffee. If you want to purchase, stop in the Church Office during the week.

## First Presbyterian Preschool News

**Heggy's Candy Fundraiser** – Chocolate Covered Oreos, Milk and Dark Chocolate Buckeyes, Milk and Dark Chocolate Cashews, Milk and Dark Chocolate Pecans. Completed forms and cash/checks must be turned in by October 4. Forms are in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, call the Preschool at 330-332-8620, or the Church Office at 330-337-9555. Orders will be delivered on Wednesday, October 18. ***Please see Order Form included with this newsletter.***

**Items Needed** – The Preschool will appreciate it very much if anyone can donate any of these items: Paper Towels, Clorox Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Facial Tissues, Play Dough, Fruit and Vegetable Cups, Granola and Cereal Bars. Thank you in advance!

**Enrolling Preschool Students for 2023-2024** – The five day a week program combines the very best elements of a Preschool from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., and Childcare for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children from 12-4:30 p.m. We work with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to help families who are working or in school pay for childcare. Call 330-332-8620 for more information or to enroll your child.

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**Volunteers for Coffee Hour** – For the past few years, members of the Session Committees, Deacons, and Choir, have been responsible for assuming the responsibilities of Coffee Hour for a month of Sundays. Recently, some church members, not active in any of these groups, have shown an interest in helping with Coffee Hours. If you are one of these generous people, here is our plan. Church committee/groups will continue to plan for a month of Sundays but the third Sunday of each month will be open for our new volunteers. If you are interested in helping with Coffee Hour one of those third Sundays, please sign your name on the Coffee Hour form that will be on a clip board on the small table in the Fellowship Hall. Committee members for each month will be available to assist new volunteers until they become more comfortable with the “Coffee Hour routine”.



**Information about Recycling** – Recently, there have been changes in how recyclables are accepted at the recycling center in Salem behind the Police station. There, they must be sorted and placed into the appropriately marked bins. We checked with CCH Recycling Group concerning the recycling bin our church parking lot. They informed us that our recycling bin will continue to be a mixed bin. You do not need to sort what you put into our bin. So, continue to bring your recyclables to our bin but please, remember to empty your plastic bags of recyclables and take the plastic bag with you.



## September

*Happy Birthday! Marcia Shepard (15), John Tonti (30)*

- 13 / Weds    10:00 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)  
                  7:00 Haviland Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
                  **7:00 Finance and Administration Committee** *via Zoom*
- 14 / Thurs    **5:30 Preschool Board of Trustees** (Library)
- 15 / Fri        9:00 – 12:00 Church Office Hours (Closed from 12-4 p.m.)
- 17 / Sun       **9:00 Church School Brunch and Table Discussion** (Fellowship Hall)  
                  10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)  
                  10:30 Service of Worship  
                  6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)
- 18 / Mon      10:00 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)  
                  6:00 Scout Troop 3 (Basement) / Scout Troop 2003G (209)
- 20 / Weds    10:00 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)  
                  6:15 Carillon Ringers Rehearsal (200)  
                  7:00 Haviland Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 21 / Thurs    **7:00 Regular Session Meeting** (Library and Hybrid)
- 24 / Sun       **9:15 New Member Class** (Library)  
                  9:15 Adult Church School Class (Parlor)  
                  10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)  
                  10:30 Service of Worship  
                  6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)
- 25 / Mon      10:00 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)  
                  6:00 Scout Troop 3 (Basement) / Scout Troop 2003G (209)
- 27 / Weds    10:00 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)  
                  6:15 Carillon Ringers Rehearsal (200)  
                  7:00 Haviland Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 29 / Fri        Preschool Bike Day  
                  9:00 – 12:00 Church Office Hours (Closed from 12-4 p.m.)

## October

*Happy Birthday! Mary Bryan (2), Rose Marie Crookston (4), Fred Jones (10), Sandi Flake (14), Joan Ferrier (24), Shirley Benson (30), Charles Pakosta (30)*

- 1 / *World Communion Sunday*    9:15 Adult Church School (Library)  
  10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)  
  10:30 Service of Worship – *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*  
  6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)
- 2 / Mon        10:00 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)  
                  6:00 Scout Troop 3 (Basement) / Scout Troop 2003G (209)  
                  **7:00 Board of Deacons** (Library)
- 3 / Tues       **8:30 am Investment Committee** *via Zoom*  
                  1:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (Fellowship Hall)