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THE PRESBYTERIAN MESSENGER

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March 5 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Genesis 12:1-4a
John 3:1-17

Sermon: *“God’s Life-giving Mission”*

Music: Haviland Choir
Carillon Ringers

March 12 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Scriptures: Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:4-14



Sermon: *“The Water of Life in a Thirsty World”*

Music: Haviland Choir

One Great Hour of Sharing

Once again, earthquakes have ravaged countries around the world.
Once again, famine and disease strike people across the globe.
Once again, wars rage in many countries.
Families torn apart by death, destruction, and forced immigration.
In our world today 'once again' is, sadly for many people, 'everyday'.



We might feel helpless watching the news and seeing all the suffering. We pray for God to ease the burdens, to bring peace. We hope things will get better during these dark times. What else can we do? How else can we help?

In the next few weeks our congregation will hear about the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, the largest of the Presbyterian Church's special offerings. Our yearly Presbyterian mission offerings provide ways we can support our field workers who do the 'hands on' work – feeding the hungry, healing the sick, offering educational opportunities, and working for peace and justice in our communities near, far, and abroad.

Once again, we are asked to support the work of the One Great Hour of Sharing Missions. Sadly, needs abound all over the world. But there is hope, there can be light in the darkness. We can be that light. Please consider giving generously to this important offering.

When we all do a little – it adds up to a lot!

Mark Smith, Moderator of Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee

One Great Hour of Sharing offering envelopes are included with this newsletter.
OGHS envelopes are also available at Sanctuary entrances and in pew racks.

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Thank You Notes:

Dear Friends and Church Family: Thanks to all for all the beautiful cards, flowers, and the fantastic birthday cake in honor of my 90th birthday. It was truly a day to remember, and to reminisce on all the Lord has given to me in my time here on earth. I have had the most wonderful life a person could ever experience and owe it all to prayer and the love and kindness of our Lord. May God bless all my friends and church family. My love to all, *Terry Rufer*

I would like to thank my wonderful church family for their concern and prayers through my recent surgery. Thank you, Ruth Newman, for bringing the flowers and lunch Sunday after church. Thank you especially for Rev. Trina Lewis for her kind prayers with me before surgery and remaining all morning for the conclusion of the procedure. We are so blessed to have each other in our congregation. ~ *Brenda Bradley*

Are you interested in uniting with First Presbyterian Church of Salem? If so, Pastor Frank would like to organize a new-member orientation class for you. His schedule is flexible enough to accommodate most weekdays or a Sunday morning. The Lenten-Easter season is a traditional time when people have joined a church (Though, of course, we are not limited to that.). If you would like to become an active part of the faith community and ministry that is FPCS or just want to know more details, please speak to Frank, or call the church office at 330-337-9555.

Your Session at Work:

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio meeting on February 16, 2023, via Zoom:

- Approved minutes from the January Regular Session Meeting, a Special Session Meeting and ratified an E-vote.
- Approved Sandra (Stevens) Herman into active membership by letter of transfer from the Salem Methodist Church.
- Approved holding a New Member Opportunity Class.
- Reviewed and approved the 2022 Statistical Report.
- Heard the youth are planning a Youth Sunday.
- Heard a Soup Luncheon will be held on March 16.
- Heard name tags will soon be available for members and guests.
- Heard Mobile Meals is now helping with "Food for Family and Friends".
- Heard the bottle cap project is being finalized.
- Heard plans for Earth Sunday.
- Approved Rev. Dan Schomer to preside over communion on February 19.
- Reviewed and approved the December and January Financial Reports.
- Reviewed and approved the 2023 budget.
- Heard the East Palestine Presbyterian Church is not needing money donations at this time.
- Approved Building Requests.
- Heard the women's bathroom has been steam cleaned.
- Heard the Worship, Music, and Arts Committee does not recommend the purchase of new hymnals.
- Discussed non-member weddings.
- Received the Deacons' Report.
- Heard the Preschool has 15 students and doing very well.
- Heard a report on our very active Scouting Program.
- Heard a report from Elder Commissioner Paul Fennema from the February 14, meeting of Eastminster Presbytery.
- Reviewed and approved the 2022 Annual Report.
- Approved donating the Ricoh black copier to the Preschool.
- Prayed for our church friends and family and those suffering from disasters locally and nationally.



Turn Your Clocks Ahead One Hour on Saturday, March 11

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12

March

Happy Birthday! Sharon Bortz (6), Joetta Tonti (6), Dick Shanker (24)

- 1 / Weds **12:00 Daytimers** (Fellowship Hall) – *Karl Wright, Woodworking*
6:00 Moderators Meeting *via Zoom*
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir Rehearsal
- 2 / Thurs **6:00 Christian Education** (Library) / **Mission I and S** (Parlor)
7:00 Devotions (Sanctuary)
7:15 Property and Maintenance (Library)
7:15 Worship, Music, and the Arts (Parlor)
- 3 / Fri 9:00 – 12:45 Church Office Hours
- 5 / 2nd Sun
of Lent** **9:15-10:00 Lent Sunday School for Youth and Adults** (Library)
10:00 Coffee Hour
10:30 Service of Worship
11:30 Environmental Team (Library)
4:30 LOGOS (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement; Fellowship Hall)
- 6 / Mon 10:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement); Troop 2003G Scouts (209)
7:00 Board of Deacons (Library)
- 7 / Tues 10:00 – 9:00 United Quilt Guild (Fellowship Hall)
- 8 / Weds 10:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (Sanctuary)
- 9 / Thurs **5:30 Preschool Board of Trustees** (Library)
7:00 Finance and Administration Committee *via Zoom*
- 12 / 3rd Sun
of Lent** **9:15-10:00 Lent Sunday School for Youth and Adults** (Library)
10:00 Coffee Hour
10:30 Service of Worship – *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*
4:30 LOGOS (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement; Fellowship Hall)
- 13 / Mon 10:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement); Troop 2003G Scouts (209)
7:00 Congregational Care Committee (Library)
- 15 / Weds 10:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (Sanctuary)
- 16 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting** *via Zoom*
- 19 / 4th Sun
of Lent** 9:15-10:00 Lent Sunday School for Youth and Adults (Library)
10:00 Coffee Hour
10:30 Service of Worship
Soup and Bread Luncheon *following worship* (Fellowship Hall)

Curbside Recycling

For those of you who are interested in the convenience of curbside recycling, Ohio Valley Waste offers recycling pick up to Salem residential residents. You must sign a 2-year contract. The cost is 76.50 every three months. Trash pick-up is weekly, and recycling is picked up every 2 weeks. You can contact them at ohiovalleywaste.com or call their Lisbon office at 330-532-4667.

*Carol Ricciardi
Environmental Team*

Water Stations

Do you go to the Salem Community Center or Centerplex to walk or workout! If you do, remember to bring your reusable water bottle. The community center has water stations on the first and second floor where you can safely refill your own water bottle. The Centerplex has a water station in the hall. Most water stations are located at the water fountains. Schools now have water stations, too. I take my water bottle to my grandchildren's games to refill. Use of water stations significantly cuts down the use of single use plastic water bottles. This is an easy way to reduce waste and reuse our water bottles.

*Mickey Buck
Environmental Team*