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# THE PRESBYTERIAN MESSENGER

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## Dec. 13 — Third Sunday of Advent

*In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.*  
*Recognition of New Members\**

Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
 Psalm 126

Sermon: "Restore Us, O God: Joy"

Music: The Haviland Choir

Liturgist: Margaret Winch



*\*Tim and Melissa Costa, Fred and Phyllis Denton, Erma Eaton, Tracey Ellis, Ryan Gillis, Bill Penford*

## Dec. 20 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

*In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.*  
*Installation of Officers\**  
*Commission of Pastor Nominating Committee\*\**

Scriptures: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26  
 Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: "Favored Ones"

Music: The Haviland Choir

*\*Elders Lu Ann Cole, Paul Fennema, Ryan Gillis, Carol Ricciardi, Marilyn Ward, Margaret Winch, and Deacons Kathie Baker, Susan Merry, Mike Newman, Teri Lou Pike, and Gail Tetlow*

*\*\*Brenda Bradley, Ken Double, Paul Fennema, Kirk Hofmeister, Ruth Newman, Gloria Shafer, Sue Skiba*

*If you prefer to stay home, Worship will be live-streamed on Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio; archived on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM](http://www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM); and seen on Cable (schedule on page 2).*

God is with us. — MATTHEW 1:23

### THE PERFECT GIFT

The **Christmas Joy Offering** reflects that God is with us, through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God. Even as we support our current and former church leaders through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, God is calling new leaders for our Church and world, through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color—offering students the means for a brighter future and enhanced opportunities to use their talents and skills to serve God, the Church and the world for years to come.

**Session has approved two Christmas Eve services; the first one at 7:30 p.m. and the second one at 10:00 p.m.** For this year, we are requiring you make a reservation with the church office for one or the other service. We will need to social distance and therefore limit each service to no more than 65-70 people.



Also, we will serve communion at each service. We will provide the pre-packaged communion cups with the wafer inside. However, if you would like to bring your own bread and wine/juice/water, you may do so in your own container.



## Prayer Concerns

Barbara Denny (*Susan Merry's sister*), Carol Dougherty, Judy Everson (*Ellen Maticik's friend*), Renee Garlock (*Phyllis' daughter in law*), Ray Hanan (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Mark Hannay, Denny Herron (*Marilyn's husband*), Jim Hollinger, Hayden Johnson (*Sam and Julie Johnson's son*), Sarah Johnson, Brian Koons (*Sue Kyser's son*), Paul Leach (*Marilyn Herron's friend*), Mary Luecke (*Barb Loudon's mother*), Harvey Mason, Bill McCormick, Dollie Millikin's family, Clarence Reed (*Sue Skiba's father*), Lorin Shepard, Kloe Sinsley (*LOGOS Youth*), Justin Stephenson (*Kevin and Janet Chumney's family member*), Sue Thomas (*Karen Dennison's friend*), Joetta Tonti, Kristina Yonker (*Barb Yonker's daughter in law*)

## Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Jim Gibbs

Brookdale: Ruth Zerbs, 404; Mary Tonkinson

Copeland Oaks: Genevieve Benson  
Courtyard: Shirley Devan, 101

Inn at Ironwood: Jeanne Smith, 6699 Ironwood Blvd, #125, Canfield OH 44406  
Lake Vista at Cortland: Margaret Sheets, Apt 105; 303 North Mecca St, Cortland OH 44410

Salem East Healthcare Center: Janice Olmstead, 223

Shenango On the Green: Jim and Marty Hollinger, 238 S Market St #227, New Wilmington PA 16142-1212

Village at Westerville: Bruno and Kay Stanga; 215 Huber Village Blvd, C100, Westerville OH 43081

Whispering Pines: Kay Rousseau, 315; Joetta Tonti; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

## Military

LCPL Andre Tonkinson

(*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's son*)

MAJ Adam Pawlosky

(*Jim and Ruth Newman's son in law*)

Zach Smith / US Army

(*Jeanne Smith's grandson and Mickey Buck's nephew*)

## CHURCH INFORMATION:

**Phone:** 330.337.9555 / **Fax:** 888.386.2321

**Website:** [www.fpcsaalem.org](http://www.fpcsaalem.org)

**Facebook:** First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

**You Tube:** [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) / FPCSALEM

(*Service streamed at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.*)

**Cable TV Channel 1021:** Service shown on Sunday (1 & 9 am), Monday (1 am), Tuesday (3 am, 12 & 4 pm), Wednesday (1 am, 4 & 9 pm), Friday (1 am), Saturday (3 am, 12 & 4 pm)



In Memoriam  
Russell Loudon

United with First Church  
June 20, 1985

Died — November 22, 2020

*"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



The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Marilyn Loudon and Julie Johnson and the families on the death of husband and father, Russell Loudon; and to Carol Ricciardi and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Lee Schrum.

## December Birthdays

Steve Stewart (8)  
Paul Rankin (10)  
Alyssa Bricker (11)  
Noah Cannon (12)  
Jim Gibbs (13)  
Elizabeth Thatcher (13)  
Scott Boyd (14)  
Marge Wright (15)  
Charles Gibbs (17)  
Sam Sicilia (19)  
Sheila Lobdell (22)  
Kay Rousseau (22)

*Thank You!*

Dear Church Family,  
We want to thank you all for the Chancel flowers sent our way by Paul Fennema. It is always good to visit with him. We look forward to a time when we can visit with each of you, too. We also want to take this opportunity to thank Pastor Paul and you for the continued prayers, phone calls, and notes we have received from so many of you. This has been an extremely hard year for so many reasons for all of us. We want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year in 2021.  
*Lorin and Marcia Shepard*

Thank you so much for your gifts for 30 children for the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program.

**2021 Calendars**, compliments of Stark Memorial Funeral Home, are available in the Sanctuary by the west entrance.

**Upper Room** devotionals are available on the front pew in the Sanctuary.



Thursdays, 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
People in 44460 zip code only.  
*Volunteers are Needed!!*

## For Your Information...

**Offering Envelopes for 2021** are on the front pew in the Sanctuary. If you have not had envelopes, but would like a box, please call the Church Office.

**All Contributions** received in the Church Office by Noon on Thursday, December 31, 2020, will be credited to 2020 giving. Contributions received on or after Monday, January 4, 2021, will be credited to 2021 giving. The only exceptions are contributions mailed to the church and postmarked on or before December 31, 2020.

**Annual Reports for 2020** are due in the Church Office on Friday, January 8, 2021. Reports will be distributed the week before the Annual Congregational/Corporation Meeting.

**Per Capita Apportionment** for 2021 is \$32.00 per Active Member. **Per Capita** is an assessment paid to General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery for each member of the congregation. Per Capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better elders and ministers. It is how Presbyterians discern God's call in their lives. The Per Capita Apportionment due for the year 2021 for First Presbyterian Church of Salem is based upon reported active membership at the end of the year 2018, which was 276, for a total of \$8,832.

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio has a PayPal account for sending online contributions. Log on to the church's website, [www.fpcsalem.org](http://www.fpcsalem.org), and click on 'Donate'.

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## ~ Youth News ~

### Sunday School:

9:30 a.m. POD cast in Room 209

### Pres-Bees Youth Club: Wednesdays

**5:15-6:00 p.m. for Pre-K through Grade 5 / No Meal Leaders** — *Kim Double, Sue Skiba, Cheryl McDevitt*

December 9 Regular Gathering

December 16 Regular Gathering

### LOGOS: Sundays

**5:00-5:45 for Grades 7-12 / No Meal**

**Leaders** — *Kim Double, Michael and Jody Karmazin*

December 13 Regular Gathering

December 20 Regular Gathering

### REMINDERS OF HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S EARTH DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

- Avoid using disposable plates, forks and spoons, cups, etc. Get out your beautiful china, good silver, and all your other special dishes that are in your cupboards to use this Christmas (or any time!).
- Choose gifts that are earth friendly.
- Use gift bags that can be reused for another Christmas. And, go easy on the tissue paper that everyone puts in them! If your family doesn't make too much fun of you, it can be smoothed out, rolled, or folded and used again!
- Remember to recycle all those boxes. Just be sure to break them down and remove all packaging materials.
- If you decorate with a live tree, be sure to recycle it at Waterworth Memorial Park after Christmas.
- If you do use wrapping paper, it can also be recycled (but not metallic paper). Be sure to remove all tags, ribbons, and bows.
- Your Christmas cards can also be recycled, but not if they are metallic, or have glitter on them.
- When grocery shopping, remember you can ask for your groceries to be bagged in paper bags at Giant Eagle. You can use your reusable bags at Marc's if you bag your own groceries.
- Be sure to take all your plastic bags, bubble wrap, etc. to Giant Eagle to recycle.
- Please avoid using single use plastic items in any way!

Do what you can.

Every small effort on our part really makes a difference.

*Carol Ricciardi, Environmental Team*

# December

## Happy Birthday!

Elizabeth Thatcher (13), Jim Gibbs (13),  
Marge Wright (15), Charles Gibbs (27),  
Juanita Latham (29)

- 9 / Weds 5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
**7:00 Prayer Meeting** via Zoom
- 10 / Thurs **7:00 Finance & Administration** via Zoom
- 13 / Sun **9:15 Leadership Training (FH)**  
9:30 Sunday School POD Cast (209)  
**10:00 Special Session Meeting (107)**  
10:30 In-Person Worship —  
*Recognition of New Members*  
5:00 LOGOS  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 14 / Mon 6:30 Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Christian Education** via Zoom
- 16 / Weds 5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
**7:00 Prayer Meeting** via Zoom
- 17 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting** via Zoom
- 18 / Fri 9:00 Quilt Group (107)
- 20 / Sun 9:30 Sunday School POD Cast (209)  
10:30 In-Person Worship —  
*Ordination/Installation of Officers and  
Commission of PNC*  
5:00 LOGOS  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 21 / Mon 6:30 Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 24 / Thurs *Church Office closes at 12 Noon*  
7:30 and 10:00 Christmas Eve Services  
Communion / Candle Lighting  
Limited Seating (see page 1)
- 25 / Fri
- 27 / Sun 10:30 In-Person Worship
- 31 / Thurs *Church Office closes at 12 Noon*



Merry  
Christmas

# January 2021

## Happy Birthday!

Karl Wright (4), Sally Mason (7), Jan Bethel (9),  
Berneda Fitch (15), Terry Rufer (28)

- 1 / Fri
- 3 / Sun 10:30 In-Person Worship
- 4 / Mon 6:30 Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 5 / Tues **8:30am Investment Committee**
- 6 / Weds 5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club
- 7 / Thurs **7:00 Property and Maintenance** via Zoom  
**7:00 Worship, Music, Arts** via Zoom
- 10 / Sun 9:30 Sunday School POD Cast (209)  
10:30 In-Person Worship  
5:00 LOGOS  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 11 / Mon 6:30 Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 13 / Weds 5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club
- 14 / Thurs **7:00 Finance / Administration** via Zoom
- 17 / Sun 9:30 Sunday School POD Cast (209)  
10:30 In-Person Worship  
5:00 LOGOS  
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6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
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10:30 In-Person Worship  
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