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January 10

Baptism of the Lord

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-5
 Acts 19:1-7
 Mark 1:4-11

Liturgist: Barbara Yonker

January 17

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
 John 1:43-51

Worship is recorded and may be viewed Sunday Mornings at 10:30 a.m. via the following:
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio; **YouTube:** www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM
FPC's Website: www.fpcsaalem.org; and seen on Cable (schedule on page 2).

What to Read in Certain Circumstances

- When things are simply “not going well”, read Isaiah 40 and Psalm 36.
- If you are ill or in pain, read Psalms 6 and 41.
- When you are feeling lonely, hopeless or scared, read Psalms 23, 26, 43 and 44 and Isaiah 44.
- When you are worried about loved ones, read Psalm 108.
- If you are faced with a crisis, read Psalm 46.
- If you lose a loved one, seek comfort in 1 Corinthians 15 and Revelation 21.



Lord, help me face all that today brings with peace of mind.
 Help me surrender myself completely to Thy holy will.
 Enlighten and strengthen me each hour of the day.
 Guide my thoughts and my feelings in all my deeds and words.
 Lord, give me the strength to bear the fatigue and all the occurrences of this day in its duration.
 Guide my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to be patient, to forgive, and to love.
 Amen.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ~ Romans 12:12

Prayer Concerns

Barbara Denny (*Susan Merry's sister*), Carol Dougherty, Judy Everson (*Ellen Maticisk's friend*), Mark Flake, Renee Garlock (*Phyllis' daughter in law*), Jim Gibbs, Ray Hanan (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Mark Hannay, Denny Herron (*Marilyn's husband*), Hayden Johnson (*Sam and Julie Johnson's son*), Paul Leach (*Marilyn Herron's friend*), Mary Luecke (*Barb Loudon's mother*), Harvey Mason, Bill McCormick, Dollie Millikin's family, Steve and Wanda Navoyosky, Allison Pakosta (*Charles and Joyce Pakosta's daughter*), Nancy Ray (*Ruth Newman's sister*), Clarence Reed (*Sue Skiba's father*), Sue Thomas (*Karen Dennison's friend*), Mary Tonkinson (*Ed Tonkinson's mother*), Joetta Tonti, Marge Wright, Kristina Yonker (*Barb Yonker's daughter in law*)

Special Care Facilities

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

Shenango On the Green: 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

Andre Tonkinson

(*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's son*)

Cody Tonkinson

(*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's son*)

Adam Pawlosky

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

Zach Smith

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

CHURCH INFORMATION:

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Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

You Tube: 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)



Please Note:

Session approved continuing In-Person Worship on a service-by-service basis. The Bulletin for Sunday Worship is sent via e-mail on Friday with a message about In-Person Worship. Call the Church Office if you have questions.

Please remember to send in your regular offering to the Church Office.

Coming Soon: 2021 Directory

To update our Membership Directory (no pictures) and to enhance communications, please let the Church Office know if you no longer have a landline phone, have a new cell phone number, or wish to receive the weekly Worship Bulletin and bi-weekly newsletter via e-mail.

Birthdays

Barbara Loudon (Jan 5)
Larry Johnson (6)
Sally Mason (7)
Lucy Works (8)
Jan Bethel (9)
Susan Merry (9)
Rebecca Hively (12)
Berneda Fitch (15)
Judy Sicilia (16)
Kerri Zacharias (16)
Cheryl Kekel (19)

Thank You!

Dear FPC Salem church family, Thank you for your cards and generous gifts. I greatly appreciated the kind and thoughtful words. They were a beautiful send off as I retire. Thank you to everyone for your care of me this past year. I am most grateful for the drive-by farewell on Sunday, Dec. 27th. That was a special time to see you and hear your words of encouragement. You have been through a challenging year and survived because of your resilience. I will continue to pray for the FPC Salem, for you and your loved ones, and for a joyful and peaceful 2021.

*Blessings through Jesus Christ,
Pastor Paul*

To our Salem Church Family, We miss you all, especially at Christmas. We wish you all the best this holiday season. Stay healthy in 2021!

*Love from Columbus,
Wavelene and Lauren Arnold*

Thank you so much for the beautiful Poinsettia delivered by Elder Paul Fennema.

Mark and Sandi Flake

Thank you for your contributions of \$1,595 to the Christmas Joy Offering.

Mission I and S Committee

Friendly Reminders

Annual Reports for 2020 are due in the Church Office this Friday, January 8.

Bulletin and Chancel Flower donors are needed for 2021. Flower vases are \$10 each and Bulletins are \$15 a Sunday. Standing orders have already been placed on the calendar.

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.

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 in Salem is based upon reported active membership at the end of the year 2019, which was 252. The amount for each active member is \$32.00.

The Church Office still has a few **2021 Calendars** compliments of Stark Funeral Home.

The **Upper Room** devotional for January/February is available on the front pew in the Sanctuary.



First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio has a PayPal account for sending online contributions. Log on to the church's website, www.fpcsaalem.org, and click on 'Donate'.

Dear Friends:

Greetings to you from Guatemala.

Thank you for giving to CEDEPCA, especially in this difficult year with the widespread pandemic and then the devastation of two recent hurricanes. Your generosity makes our ministry possible.

Our Disaster Ministry team has expanded its emergency response along with much-needed psychological support and care. Our Biblical and Theological Program moved all of their classes online, and surprisingly, experienced increased enrollment. Our Women's Ministry has used new communication tools to support women and girls experiencing violence, even in the most remote areas. And the Intercultural Encounters program magically brought Guatemala into our homes and offices this summer with a series of Virtual Journeys and in November with a sweet Chocolate Tasting event.

It encourages us to have friends like you. Your support of CEDEPCA makes our mission possible—transforming lives, building a more just world, and promoting life in abundance as God desires. We cannot do this work without your prayers and partnership.

We remember in this new year that God's light shines, bringing hope and new opportunity. Thank you for making this light shine brighter!

With gratitude,

Judith Castaneda, General Coordinator, CEDEPCA



Earth Friendly New Year's Resolutions for 2021

- Reduce the amount of throw away items you use.
- Attempt to reuse containers/materials as much as possible.
- Remember to put your reusable grocery bags in the car and take them into the store!
- Cut down the amount of plastic that you use.
- Don't take plastic bags at the store when buying only 1 or 2 items.
- Use your reusable coffee cup at the coffee shops instead of taking their disposable cups.
- DON'T buy anything Styrofoam.
- If you use K cup coffee systems, use reusable pods.
- Be sure to recycle all of your newspapers.
- Ask for an alternative to Styrofoam carry out containers.
- Break down and recycle all cardboard boxes that come to your house.
- Share what you have learned about Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle with someone else.

Carol Ricciardi, Environmental Team

January

Happy Birthday!

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

- 5 / Tues **7:00 Mission I and S** *via Zoom*
- 6 / Weds 5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Property and Maintenance *via Zoom*
- 7 / Thurs **7:00 Worship, Music, Arts** *via Zoom*

In-Person Worship on a Service-by-Service Basis.

- 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)
7:00 Christian Education *via Zoom*
7:00 Congregational Care *via Zoom*

- 12 / Tues **7:00 Finance / Administration** *via Zoom*

- 13 / Weds 5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club

- 15 / Fri 9:00 Quilt Group (107)

In-Person Worship on a Service-by-Service Basis.

- 17 / Sun 9:30 Sunday School POD Cast (209)
10:30 In-Person Worship
5:00 LOGOS
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

- 18 / Mon **7:00 Preschool Sub-Committee** *via Zoom*

- 20 / Weds 5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club

- 21 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting** *via Zoom*

In-Person Worship on a Service-by-Service Basis.

- 24 / Sun 9:30 Sunday School POD Cast (209)
10:30 In-Person Worship
5:00 LOGOS
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

- 25 / Mon 6:30 Scout Troop 3 (B)

- 26 / Tues 9:00-2:00 Church Office Hours

- 27 / Weds 5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club

- 29 / Fri 9:00 Quilt Group (107)

In-Person Worship on a Service-by-Service Basis.

- 31 / Sun 9:30 Sunday School POD Cast (209)
10:30 In-Person Worship
Annual Congregational/Corporation Mtg
5:00 LOGOS
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

February

- 1 / Mon 6:30 Scout Troop 3 (B)

- 3 / Weds 5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Property and Maintenance *via Zoom*

- 4 / Thurs **7:00 Worship, Music, Arts** *via Zoom*

In-Person Worship on a Service-by-Service Basis.

- 7 / Sun 9:30 Sunday School POD Cast (209)
10:00 In-Person Worship
5:00 LOGOS
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

- 8 / Mon 6:30 Scout Troop 3 (B)

- 10 / Weds 5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club

- 11 / Thurs **7:00 Finance / Administration** *via Zoom*

- 12 / Fri 9:00 Quilt Group (107)

- 14 / Sun 9:30 Sunday School POD Cast (209)
10:30 In-Person Worship
5:00 LOGOS
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



- 17 / Ash 5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club
Wednesday



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

