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# THE PRESBYTERIAN MESSENGER

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## Nov. 15 — 24th Sunday after Pentecost

*In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.*

Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
 Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: *“Perpetual Potential”*

Music: The Haviland Choir  
 Carillon Ensemble

Liturgist: Tim Stephens

## Nov. 22 — Christ the King / Communion

*In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.*

Scriptures: Psalm 100  
 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Sermon: *“The Faithful Servant”*

Music: The Haviland Choir

Liturgist: Paul Fennema



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

## Become a Bridge Builder

*“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13*

We, as good stewards, are called to build upon the legacy of First Presbyterian Church Salem. We continue to serve the church, the community and the wider world with our faith, prayers, gifts and talents. The church reviews the way we are going and the resources we have to move forward. We are counting on you to take us into 2021 and beyond, ever growing our stewardship and our God-given abilities to serve God and one another.

This year, let us consider stewardship like that of building bridges. God has graciously given us Jesus Christ as a bridge from this world to the next. Let us imitate that type of bridge building in our church giving for the coming year as we celebrate Consecration Sunday on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A bridge is a structure that is built to span physical obstacles, for the purpose of providing passage over the obstacle. There are many obstacles, seen and unseen forces in today’s world fighting against the Christian church. Stewardship and the giving back of one’s talents and monies is how we can overcome these obstacles that prevent us from gathering together as a church and doing God’s work in the world.

In bridge building, bridges are classified by how the four forces of tension, compression, bending, and shear are distributed throughout the structure. As we become bridge builders, we take upon ourselves forces much like those that buffet a bridge. We the church, are called to withstand the onslaught of our culture, to stand firm in our faith, no matter the forces that prevail against it. We’re called to build bridges from today’s church into the future church; from suffering into joy; from despair into gratitude; from loneliness into fellowship; from sickness into health; from the present into the eternal.

Unfortunately, most bridges are built for economic reasons, meaning they are cost justified. There’s a greater cost if we do not proclaim God’s Word and put it into service. Our bridge building needs to reach out and touch areas of our community and the world. We need strong stewardship to care for what we already have, but also for our future needs. Please consider yourself a bridge builder and your generous giving as a bridge to someone in need.

We are ever thankful for your gifts.

*Peace and joy be with you,  
 Rev. Paul Phillips, Interim Pastor*

## Prayer Concerns

Ken and Carolyn Alesi, Barbara Denny (*Susan Merry's sister*), Carol Dougherty, Judy Everson (*Ellen Maticcik's friend*), Renee Garlock (*Phyllis' daughter in law*), Ray Hanan (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Mark Hannay, Denny Herron (*Marilyn's husband*), Hayden Johnson (*Sam and Julie Johnson's son*), Sarah Johnson, Jan Jones, Brian Koons (*Sue Kyser's son*), Paul Leach (*Marilyn Herron's friend*), Russell Loudon, Mary Luecke (*Barb Loudon's mother*), Harvey Mason, Bill McCormick, Clarence Reed (*Sue Skiba's father*), Lee Schrum (*Carol Ricciardi's brother in law*), Kloe Sinsley (*LOGOS Youth*), Justin Stephenson (*Kevin and Janet Chumney's family member*), 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

Blossom: Russell Loudon, 109; 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, Camp Pendleton  
CA / (*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's son*)  
MAJ Adam Pawlosky  
(*Jim and Ruth Newman's son in law*)  
Zach Smith / US Army, Turkey  
(*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)



The Sympathy and Surrounding  
Love of Our Congregation are ex-  
tended to Bob and Sharon Bortz  
and the family on the death of  
Sharon's brother-in-law, David  
Stillson.



## Birthdays

Ruth Varkonda (15)  
Lynn Gardner (20)  
Mike Newman (23)



By action of the Session, a  
**Congregational Meeting** for  
the sole purpose of electing  
Church Officers will be held on  
**Sunday, November 22**, imme-  
diately following worship.

**Please Note:** The Pastor's and  
Church Offices are open. Please  
call as they are not accessible to  
anyone in the building.



## Red Poinsettias

Call Church Office to order,  
or email [phyllis@fpcsaalem.org](mailto:phyllis@fpcsaalem.org).  
Orders due November 23.  
Cost is \$9.00.

Our thanks to those who or-  
dered Live Evergreen Wreaths.  
We appreciate your support.  
*LOGOS Youth and  
Kim Double, DCE*

**Congratulations** to Mike New-  
man on the article in the Salem  
News on October 28, "His cold,  
happy place", as an employee at  
Giant Eagle. Great job, Mike!

*Upper Room* and *These Days*  
devotionals are available at the  
north entrance via social dis-  
tancing and wearing a mask.

*The Church Office will be closed  
on Thursday and Friday, Novem-  
ber 26-27 for the Thanksgiving  
holiday.*



First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio now 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'.

## Salvation Army "Christmas Angel" Program



We received 40 numbered tags (PC1-PC40) for the Christmas Angel program in which children's genders, ages, needs, and Christmas wishes are listed. You can pick up a tag starting this Sunday, November 15 in the Sanctuary. **Please Be Sure to Sign Your Name Next to the Numbered Tag You Took.** You can also stop in the Sanctuary during the week to pick up a tag (must wear mask). Please buy 1 outfit and 1 toy from the child's tag and return it to the Sanctuary near the east Hallway entrance. Do not wrap gifts, but place in garbage bag or large shopping bag with the tag affixed to the outside. Do not include gift receipts.

**All gifts must be returned to the Sanctuary by Sunday, December 6.**



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

## ~ 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

November 11 Regular Gathering

November 18 Regular Gathering

November 25 No Gathering — *Happy Thanksgiving!*

### LOGOS: Sundays

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

Leaders — Kim Double, Michael and Jody Karmazin

November 15 Regular Gathering

November 22 Regular Gathering

November 29 No Gathering — *Happy Thanksgiving!*

## What to Do with Unwanted and/or Outdated Medications?

*Salem Prescription Drug Return and Disposal Program*

I'm sure that many of you have outdated or unused medications sitting around the house. You know it is not safe to flush them down the toilet or put them into the trash. But, what do you do with all of them? Luckily, the Salem Police Department has the answer for you. At the Salem Police Headquarters, there is a secure depository located in the lobby. Here you can bring prescription and over the counter medications, medicine samples, vitamins, narcotics, and liquid medications. At the drop off, there are instructions and plastic bags into which you are to put your medications.



**NO PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES OR EMPTY CONTAINERS ARE ACCEPTED.**

*It is as easy as that!*

*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. Whatever news I may receive this day, teach me to receive it with stillness and confidence. Guide my thoughts and my feelings in all my deeds and words. In all unforeseen circumstances, don't let me forget that all comes from you. 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.*

# November

## Happy Birthday!

Ruth Varkonda (15)

- 11 / Weds 5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
6:15 Carillon Ensemble Rehearsal (FH)  
**7:00 Prayer Meeting** *via Zoom*  
7:00 Haviland Choir Rehearsal (S)
- 12 / Thurs **7:00 Finance & Administration** *via Zoom*
- 15 / Sun 9:30 Sunday School POD Cast (209)  
9:30 Adult SS Class (FH) — *Parables*  
10:30 In-Person Worship  
**1:00 Special Session Meeting** *via Zoom*  
5:00 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 16 / Mon 6:30 Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 17 / Tues **7:00 Mission I and S** *via Zoom*
- 18 / Weds 5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
6:15 Carillon Ensemble Rehearsal (FH)  
**7:00 Prayer Meeting** *via Zoom*  
7:00 Haviland Choir Rehearsal (S)
- 19 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting** *via Zoom*
- 20 / Fri 9:00 Quilt Group (107)
- 22 / Sun 9:30 Sunday School POD Cast (209)  
9:30 Adult SS Class (FH) — *Parables*  
10:30 In-Person Worship  
**Congregational Meeting** *after Worship*  
5:00 LOGOS  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 23 / Mon 6:30 Scout Troop 3 (B)  
7:00 Preschool Sub-Committee *via Zoom*
- 26 / Thurs *Happy Thanksgiving!*  
Church Office Closed
- 27 / Fri Church Office Closed
- 29 / Sun 9:30 Sunday School POD Cast (209)  
**1st Sunday of Advent** 9:30 Adult SS Class (FH) — *Parables*  
10:30 In-Person Worship
- 30 / Mon 6:30 Scout Troop 3 (B)



# December

## Happy Birthday!

Helen Hayes (1), Jean Johnson (2), Janice Olmstead (4),  
Elizabeth Thatcher (13), Jim Gibbs (13),  
Marge Wright (15), Charles Gibbs (27),  
Juanita Latham (29)

- 1 / Tues 10:00 Eastminster Presbytery Meeting
- 2 / Weds 5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
6:15 Carillon Ensemble Rehearsal (FH)  
**7:00 Prayer Meeting** *via Zoom*  
7:00 Haviland Choir Rehearsal (S)
- 3 / Thurs **7:00 Property and Maintenance** *via Zoom*
- 4 / Fri 9:00 Quilt Group (107)
- 6 / Sun 9:30 Sunday School POD Cast (209)  
10:30 In-Person Worship  
5:00 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 7 / Mon 6:30 Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 9 / Weds 5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
6:15 Carillon Ensemble Rehearsal (FH)  
**7:00 Prayer Meeting** *via Zoom*  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 10 / Thurs **7:00 Finance & Administration** *via Zoom*
- 13 / Sun 9:30 Sunday School POD Cast (209)  
10:30 In-Person Worship  
5:00 LOGOS  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 14 / Mon 6:30 Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 16 / Weds 5:15 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
6:15 Carillon Ensemble Rehearsal (FH)  
**7:00 Prayer Meeting** *via Zoom*  
7:00 Haviland Choir Rehearsal (S)
- 17 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting** *via Zoom*
- 20 / Sun 9:30 Sunday School POD Cast (209)  
10:30 In-Person Worship  
5:00 LOGOS  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)