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THE CHIMES

Starkdale Evangelical Presbyterian Church
August 2015 Newsletter



The grass withers, the flower
fades, But the word of our God
stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8



FROM THE SESSION

August is the first month of Rev. Dr. Philip Makari's retirement, and while we are all grieving the loss of our pastor of ten years—a great man of God who has loved us, taught us, and led us in the Way of Truth for the glory of God alone, we can rejoice in the fact that he has planted us on solid ground—a foundation of sound Biblical doctrine and faith, for which we are eternally grateful. We can also rejoice with him that God has brought him to this time in his life after many years of serving Him. We all know that Ministers of the Word never truly retire from serving the Lord and sharing the Gospel, so we should keep that in mind as we continue to pray for Rev. Makari and Vickey as they embark on the next phase of the journey.

Moving forward, Session has secured and will continue to secure Stated Supply pastors to preach and administer the Sacraments. We are honored to have Rev. Dr. David Massimi fill that position during the month of August. We also have both an Interim Search Committee (ISC) and a Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) engaged in their respective search processes.

Interim Search Committee

Annual Starkdale Picnic

On Sunday, August 30th, our congregation will hold our 11:00 A.M worship service and annual church picnic at the Serbian Picnic Grounds in Kings Creek, Weirton.

We will have a menu of lamb, chicken, and hot dogs which will be provided by the church and a variety of side dishes provided by the congregation. There will be activities for the children.

Please bring your favorite covered dish and join us for a day of worship, fellowship, and fun!

A shuttle from the church will be available. Please contact the office at (740)264-5309 if interested.

Directions from Starkdale (Only 15 miles from the church!):

Turn Left onto Lovers Lane Connector US-22

Take Exit to merge onto US-22 E toward Pittsburgh

Keep Left to merge onto US-22 E

Take Exit 2 onto WV-2 N toward Downtown Weirton

Turn Right onto Pennsylvania Ave.

Turn Left onto N 12th St.

Keep Right

Turn Left onto Kings Creek Rd.

**AUGUST
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday, August 2, Rev. Makari's Recognition of Retirement Service 11:00 A.M.

A service of appreciation and thanksgiving will be conducted by a special commission from the Presbytery of the Alleghenies led by EPC Teaching Elder and Ministerial Committee member, Dana Opp. A time of fellowship will follow.

Sunday, August 9, Rev. Makari's Retirement Party 6-9 P.M. St. Florian Hall

Please RSVP by Sunday, August 2nd at the SCRIP table in the fellowship hall following the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. services

Saturday, August 22, Envisioning Meeting 9 A.M.-3:30 P.M. Fellowship Hall See page 6 for more information.

Sunday, August 30, Church Picnic 11:00 A.M. Serbian Picnic Grounds Kings Creek Weirton. See page 19 for details.

Unlike the Pastoral Search Committee which is a committee of the congregation, the Interim Search Committee is an ad hoc committee of the Session. The members appointed by the Session include Ruling Elders: Mr. Bob Burns (Recording Clerk), Mrs. Jeanne Cox, Mrs. Esther Harris, Mr. Scott Murison (Chair), and Mr. Bob Sagrilla. The committee has contacted the stated clerk of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, Mr. Bruce Allison, and informed him of the Session's desire to search for an interim, who will be a temporary pastor until a permanent one is called. The presbytery stated clerk and the General Assembly office will provide the committee with candidates. The ISC will study the interim pastor Profiles and Personal Information Forms (PIF) and interview the available choices until an interim pastor is agreed upon by the ISC and candidate. The ISC will recommend the interim and a written covenant of the working relationship to Session. If the recommendation is accepted, Session will issue the invitation. When an interim pastor is called, Session must receive the necessary approvals from the presbytery or the Ministerial Committee (acting as a commission if empowered to make that decision).

Pastoral Search Committee

The Pastoral Search Committee members elected by the congregation are: Dr. Thomas Brown, Mrs. Jane Gambos (Vice-Chair), Mrs. Carolyn Glaub

(Chair) -serving as representatives of Session; Mrs. Ruth Carson, Mr. Chris Dopp, Mr. Michael Paris (Recording Clerk), and Mrs. Janet Stukins-serving as congregation at large representatives. The PSC has been meeting every Wednesday night and will continue to do so throughout the entire search process.

The PSC has gathered statistics and pertinent information and is nearing the completion of the Church Information Form. A period of all-member participation in envisioning our future ministry will be held August 22 and will be conducted by representatives from the Session and/or the Presbytery.

Following the envisioning process and submission of our CIF, we will begin to receive PIF's from pastors. The PSC will then commence the process of interviewing the applicants, checking references, visiting their churches, and hearing them preach and interact with their congregations.

It is important to note that this is a process which will take time due to the seriousness of the matter. The POA Ministerial Committee has appointed TE Dana Opp to be our PSC liaison, and he has counseled the Session to let the full process take place without rushing results.

The Session will continue to keep the congregation updated as we progress through these search processes.

August Leadership Duties

Elders on Duty

George Allan
Jane Gambos
Bob Sagrilla

Deacons on Duty

Michael Paris
Charlene Petrozzi
Diane Smith
Toni Zajdowicz

Pastors

Rev. Dr. David Massimi- Stated Supply Pastor

Rev. Bobbyjon Bauman -Associate Pastor of Youth & Young Families



FLOCK TALK (Continued)

On July 10th at the Serbian American Cultural Center, we enjoyed a demonstration by Steve Drazich of some of Nikola Tesla's accomplishments.

Steve demonstrated Tesla's standing on end rotating egg and explained why Tesla did this. He also showed the "Tesla coil" that he built with lightning jumping through the air to illuminate a light-bulb several feet away. Steve displayed fluorescent bulbs and a neon sign that spelled Tesla by being illuminated without being plugged into an electrical outlet.

Other demonstrations were done along with explanations and stories. A good informative time was enjoyed by a large group of interested people, many from Starkdale.

Well done, Steve, and Thank you!!



Starkdale welcomes **Rev. Dr. David and Carolyn Massimi.**

Dr. Massimi has graciously agreed to fill the pulpit and administer the Sacraments as Stated Supply for the month of August. We look forward to his dynamic preaching of the Word and also to enjoying fellowship with him and his wife, Carolyn.

Thank you, Dr. and Mrs. Massimi, for your service to God and to our congregation.

OUR NEW BIBLE CLASS is being held in the adult Sunday School room from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. every Sunday. **While this is a required class for church leaders (pastors, ruling elders and deacons), it is urgent learning for the entire congregation.** This is the one course of which we are aware that promises to bring to life basic biblical knowledge, make sense of difficult Christian doctrines, inspire the believer's walk in Christ, and empower church ministry. The material to be studied is authored by national scholars of biblical theology, and will be taught by four elders who themselves have carefully studied the material, were individually examined in their understanding of it by the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, and have taught it in different settings before. They are: Jeanne Cox, Jane Gambos, Carolyn Glaub and Janice Whitaker. We are beginning the study with Michael Horton's thought-provoking book: *Putting Amazing Back into Grace*. If you do not already own the book, the cost is \$10. If you wish to have a free copy and like to participate, please contact the office. Please sign the sheet in the narthex or on the hallway table, so we can reserve a copy for you. **You may join the class at any time, any Sunday.**

ENVISIONING

On August 22nd, Session will conduct an envisioning meeting in the fellowship hall. This will be an opportunity as a congregation to objectively examine ourselves, evaluate our current ministries, determine our church's strengths and challenges, and reset our goals, if needed, to ensure all that we say and do at Starkdale is truly focused on Christ, and all glory is given to God. For He alone is worthy.

We will consider what we do well and what needs improvement.

All members are urged to participate, for we as the body of Christ, have been given the responsibility to be excellent in all we do in His name.

Doughnuts and coffee will be available at 9 A.M. The envisioning session will begin at 9:30 A.M. and end at 3:30 P.M. A light lunch will be served. Please R.S.V.P. by August 16th.

More Flock Talk



Anna Ault became the first inductee in the Pediatric Cortical Visual Impairment Society Hall of Fame for raising \$7,700 toward the formation of the society in honor of her

Abigail Kinney, a student at John Gregg Elementary, was chosen as one of the students in Alicia Hartman's class to have her poem published in the upcoming edition of Creative Communications' "A Celebration of Young Poets."

Her poem:

"Garden"

On the winter day, there the garden lay.
It won't get fixed until May.
My flowers aren't small, they're always very tall!
I have beautiful flowers, that I work on for hours.
I love to garden!



FLOCK TALK



Bethanie Bube pictured with her proud parents, **Carl and Chrissy Bube**, graduated from Edison High School and signed with West Liberty University to study nursing and participate in the women's soccer program. Bethanie was the OVAC Class 4A Player of the Year in soccer and was selected the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association all-state second-team. She was a first-team all-Eastern District selection. Also pictured: Wildcats girls soccer coach,

Dear Starkdale Congregation,

If you have any news about a sheep in our flock that you would like to share, please submit it to the church office by the second week of the month to be included in the following month's issue of the CHIMES newsletter.

Starkdale Fellowship



4th of July Parade

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone who recently donated to the Amazing Raise Ohio Valley to benefit **Abigail's Angels and the RDH12 Fund for Sight**. We were able to raise a total of \$1,465.00 that will be donated to the research of finding a cure for LCA RDH12, Abigail's eye condition. We appreciate your generosity.

Lori Kinney

August Birthdays

1 Tony Morelli
2 Judy Wright
3 Christina Bube
7 Robert Eft
7 Cindy McMasters
8 Jill Wickham
11 Margaret Saunders
12 Isaac Bauman
14 Caroline Dean
17 Carolyn Glaub
18 Courtnie Bube
19 Janice Whitaker
20 Olivia Ault
20 Laura Chanoski
20 Marlene Cox
24 Cynthia Bordash
24 Jeanne Morelli
24 Marlena West
25 Dolores Foley
27 Anna Ault
27 Darene Waszkiewicz
28 Jamie Stewart

August Anniversaries

4 Rick and Sharon Patterson
8 Irwin and Janet Stukins
15 Robert and Ella Jane Burns
27 John and Betty Vujnovic
29 Gerald and Joyce Palmer
31 Richard and Beverly Wyman

Starkdale



Youth Ministry

SYM went on a Summer Mission trip to Philadelphia/Allentown PA from July 19-25th. We, along with 5 Empire UMC members who joined us, were able to serve the Lord by doing various mission projects and running a VBS ministry for local children. We also went on educational/site-seeing tours of downtown Philadelphia and Valley Forge which were amazing!



SYM Allentown/Philadelphia Mission Team

OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee is conducting a summer food drive to collect the following individually packed, single-serve food items to donate to Judy Manfred's mission, Hope 68: Pop Tarts, fruit cups, crackers, and drinks (such as Capri Sun or drink boxes). This ministry sends bags of food home with every child at East and West Elementary Schools every Friday during the school year. The name Hope 68 refers to the 68 hours of hunger many of these children experience between school lunch on Friday and school breakfast on Monday. Items may be placed in the narthex between August 1st and 30th. Monetary donations will also be accepted and used to purchase the items.

SOUP KITCHEN REPORT

On July 9th, volunteers, Ella Jane Burns, John Criss, Joan Copeland, Roberta France, and Irwin Stukins served 75 people a meal of macaroni & cheese, hot dogs, Cole slaw and watermelon. It also included desserts provided by Two Ridges Presbyterian Church.

Hunter Michael Paris

was received into baptism on July 12th. **CONGRATULATIONS** to parents, Michael and Kylee Paris; grandparents, Greg and Bonnie Majoris and Ron and Terra Paris, and their extended family.

Makena Catherine Dennis

was received into baptism on July 19th. Makena is the daughter of Joshua and Erin Dennis; sister of Madilynn Dennis; granddaughter of Thomas and Lynn Mikesell and Martin and (late) Catherine Dennis; great-granddaughter of Helen Unsold and (late) Rose Dennis. **CONGRATULATIONS.**

Arlene Bailey, Darlene Koman, and Ted Whitaker were received as new members of Starkdale on July 5th.

WELCOME!

Our Sympathy is extended to William "Rob" and Christy Paul, Helen Bayne, and their extended family in the death of William "Bill" Paul on July 2, 2015.

August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9 am Quilters InC.
2 11 am Recognition of Retirement Service for Rev. Dr. Makari 10th Sunday in Pentecost	3 7 pm Worship Mtg.	4 10 am Bible Study	5 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm PSC Mtg.	6	7	8
9 Communion 12:15 pm Deacons Mtg. 6-9 pm Rev. Dr. Makari's Retirement Party St. Florian 11th Sunday in Pentecost	10 6:30 pm Property Mtg. 7 pm Administration Mtg.	11 10 am Bible Study	12 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm PSC Mtg.	13 9 am Soup Kitchen 6:30 pm Session Mtg.	14	15 Fh rented
16 1:15 pm Carriage House 12th Sunday in Pentecost	17	18 10 am Bible Study	19 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm PSC Mtg.	20	21	22 9am—3:30 pm Envisioning Meeting
23 13th Sunday in Pentecost	24 6:30 pm Outreach Mtg.	25 10 am Bible Study	26 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm PSC Mtg.	27 CHIMES MAIL	28	29
30 11 am Church Picnic 14th Sunday in Pentecost	31					