

THE CHIMES

Starkdale Evangelical Presbyterian Church

DEC/JAN 2014-15 Newsletter



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Annual Live Nativity

Dec. 14th 5/5:30/6/6:30/7/7:30 P.M.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**O COME, LET US ADORE HIM,
CHRIST THE LORD!**

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A Message from the Pastor—Rev. Dr. Philip Makari

Dear Starkdale Family (Members, Worship Guests, and Friends),

Unbelievable! Isn't it? Is it really Advent and Christmas-time already? Truly, as we grow older our days pass like hours, and our weeks, like days.

I don't know what to make of this, except that the Bible has been saying it over and over again. 1 Chronicles 29:15 tells us **“We are foreigners and strangers in God's sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow ...”** Psalm 103:15-15 echoes the same; it reads **“The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.** In Psalm 39:4, the Psalmist prays saying, **“O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!”** Literally, there are hundreds of biblical verses

short our lives on earth are and how quickly they come to an end. But **the Good News of Advent** is that **while our lives on earth pass quickly, they do not pass to nothingness.** They have a sure and living hope, a definite destiny.

The anticipated return of our Savior to do away with all forms of evil and to rule in righteousness, **a promise that we celebrate during the four weeks before Christmas** known as the Advent Season, is our ultimate and glorious destiny. Our journey of faith (the life journey of those who believe in Christ), as I have shared in a recent sermon, originates in God and travels toward God. It is a journey that begins with **the cross** and ends with **the crown.** It begins with **“I believe”** and ends with **“Well done, good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your lord.”** It begins with **“second birth”** and ends with **“born anew into a living hope (in heaven) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”** It begins with **“a life**

After Holiday Celebration

Women of the church - you are invited to come to the Marshall House in New Cumberland, WV on Monday, December 29 from 6-8 pm for a celebration of fun and fellowship after the Christmas holidays. This house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001. It was built in 1887, and is a 2 1/2 story, Queen Anne style brick dwelling. It was built by West Virginia State Senator Oliver S. Marshall (1850-1934) and remained his home until his death. The home is operated as the Hancock County Museum. The home is furnished in its original interior with beautiful woodworking that will be decorated for Christmas. Come for light refreshments, biblical fellowship and a tour of the house. Please RSVP by December 15th to Jeanne Cox by calling 304-670-1053 or email at

VETERAN HONORED

Marshall Dalrymple, a charter member of Starkdale, was featured in the Herald-

We are delighted to receive into baptism Jason John Wesley Pyle, child of Jason and Lori (Bednarz) Pyle. The paternal grandparents are Etta and Wesley Pyle. The maternal grandparents are Barbara and John Bednarz.

December Leadership Duties

Deacons on Duty:

Rick Carver, Laura Chanoski, Kim Felmet, Steve Orwick, and Mike Paris

Committee on Duty : Worship

January Leadership Duties

Deacons on Duty:

Lisa Busby, Rick Carver, Kim Felmet, and Toni Zajdowicz

Committee on Duty: Administration

Elders: Bob Burns, John Parkinson, and Ron Rousey

Our Sympathy is extended to:

Hetty McClave in the death of her husband, Bud, on Tuesday, October 28th, and to her children, Jim (Mary Jay), and Barbara

December Birthdays

- 3 Rick Patterson
- 3 Donald Vandeborne
- 4 Evelyn Bodor
- 8 Thomas Cox
- 10 Denise Franckhauser
- 11 Jeff Shimon
- 11 Irwin (Stu) Stukins
- 13 Joyce Palmer
- 17 George Huber Jr.
- 18 Betty Vujnovic
- 18 Terri Throckmorton
- 20 Russell Wickham
- 21 Joan Copeland
- 21 Emily Bauman
- 23 Richard (Rick) Baker
- 23 Nathan Bauman
- 25 Clarence Wickham
- 27 John Parkinson
- 27 Robert (R.J.) Stewart

January Birthdays

- 2 CarolynLee Barrett
- 2 David Turkaly
- 5 Ruth Carson
- 7 George Allan
- 10 Marlene Almond
- 12 Laura Daily
- 13 Lori Kinney
- 13 Ann Huff
- 14 Bethanie Bube
- 15 Sharon Patterson
- 16 Mary Louise Morgan
- 17 Adam Wickham
- 17 Margaret Stewart
- 18 Olivia Chanoski
- 19 Sandee Huber
- 20 Faith Bauman
- 25 Bob Oklok
- 25 Beverly Wyman
- 25 Judith Cooper

December Anniversaries

- 3 Howard & Judith Cooper
- 7 Pete & Denise Franckhauser
- 17 Steve & Felecia Elliott
- 23 Donald & Dianna Vandeborne
- 23 Bobbyjon & Renee Bauman

January Anniversaries

- 6 Doug & Charlene Freshwater
- Doris Wickham -Chimes Editor
- Chimes Staff: Esther Harris,
Wayne Hackathorne, Jane Gambos

of sorrow and acquainted with grief” and ends with **“Behold! God’s dwelling place is now among the people ... He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”** It begins with **“Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand”** and ends with **“Beyond the sunset, O blissful morning.”** It begins with our creation from **“the dust of the ground”** and ends with our transformation into **“the glorious likeness of our Risen Lord.”**

Advent celebrates the anticipated return of our Savior and the promised eternal glory we shall have with him. So, while we prepare to celebrate Christmas (**Christ’s first advent, his birth in a manger to be God with us**), we also remember and celebrate the promise of his second advent (**his return as King of kings and Lord of lords when we will be with him**). While many of us will be listening to, and possibly

singing **“I’ll be home for Christmas,”** our ears will remain attentive to, and anticipating the fulfillment of, the promise **“When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.”** Advent inspires us to prepare and look forward to the end of our earthly journey when we are with Christ in the **Father’s dwelling place of many mansions** (John 14:1-6).

As you can see then, the **Advent Season (Sunday, November 30th to Thursday, December 25)**, is a time that inspires us to keep focused on the things that matter most. The church is going to be busy and intentional in helping us reach that goal. **Please look for, and participate in, all the events listed in this issue of the Chimes so that we may all benefit spiritually from what this season of the year offers us, and how it brings God the glory due his name.**

A very blessed Advent Season, and a wonderful Christ-centered Christ-

A Message From: Pastor Bobbyjon Bauman

Another exciting month of ministry has gone by highlighted by 134 children attending the “Sonshine Elementary School Bible Club” at one time or another. Things have gone much more smoothly since we added Joe Greco as a disciplinarian as well as Toni Hubbard. Some of our youth ministry students (Olivia Chanoski, Nathan Bauman, Saharah Stewart, & Destiny Franklin) are helping out with the club every Monday as well which is great ministry training prep for them.

We had 35 at our “God & Sports” night at the YMCA. We are going to try to see if this will work out as a more permanent site for the youth ministry to meet since many students hesitate to go to a church but may come to the YMCA. The YMCA director said if we open the youth meetings to the public, they can promote them and we can use the gym and meeting room for free.

We had a “Storytellers Night” which featured testimonies from Cookie West (the mother of Lee West from Big Red who perished in a house fire a few years ago), Celia McEnany, Josh Bullard, and Amanda Miller. There were 40 at this event and the testimonies were very moving.

A youth ministry student my family has been bringing to the youth group is now attending church along with his mother and brother, and they are loving it!

We had an All Hallows’ Eve Party with 32 in attendance, including a number of students who came for the first time.

The Valley’s Got Talent Competition had between 600-750 people in attendance, and it was flat out awesome! The talent was great, and the whole place was buzzing with conversation about the event. Most of all, the Lord was glorified in the songs. Principal Gorman called me to say how much he enjoyed the event and said since he was so thrilled with the event, he waived the fee for the janitor and three student helpers for the evening and picked up the cost.



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We had a wonderful start to Kids Rock, beginning with the Blast Off at Perry’s Glo Putt on October 12th. On October 19th, we made a beautiful prayer tree for the church hallway, and the Bible Lesson was “Jesus Taught Us how to Pray.” The All Hallows Eve Party was so much fun, and as you can see, the picture was beautiful. November 2nd, we started a new media program “Gabbit” which was held in the media room on 3rd floor. If you missed this event, you won’t want to miss the next one on January 18th. The children who attended thought it was super great!!!

Starting January 18th, the winter hours for Kids Rock will be 4:00-5:15 P.M.

DECEMBER/JANUARY SCHEDULE

December 7	(3:00-5:00 P.M.) CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
January 4	NO KIDS ROCK – HAPPY NEW YEAR
January 11	Sports/Game Night– Time and Details TBA
January 18	(4:00-5:15 P.M.) “Gabbit - a new program - Media Room 3 rd floor
January 25	(4:00-5:15 P.M.) Furry Friends -Bring your favorite stuffed animal.

Blessings,

“Something to Think About”

Submitted by Melanie Carver

*ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER
the kind that would be missed?*

*OR ARE YOU JUST CONTENT
that your name is on the list*

*DO YOU ATTEND MEETINGS
and mingle with the flock*

*OR DO YOU STAY AT HOME
and criticize and knock*

*DO YOU TAKE AN ACTIVE PART
To help the work along*

*OR ARE YOU JUST SATISFIED TO BE
the kind that "Just Belongs"?*

*DO YOU EVER GO TO VISIT
a member who is sick*

*OR JUST LEAVE THE WORK TO A FEW
and talk about the clique*

*SO COME AROUND AND JOIN US
help with hand and heart*

*DON'T BE JUST A MEMBER
but take an active part*

*THINK IT OVER MEMBER
you know right from wrong*

*ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER
or do you "Just Belong"?*

SYM DEC/JAN 2014-15 CALENDAR

- ◆ **Dec. 7th Cole's Warriors Night - "One Pill, One Time, No Second Chances":** Come out and hear the story of a 16 year old *church going* boy from Ohio who lost his life from simply taking one methadone pill. His mother (Danielle Smoot) will be here to share Cole's story with us and how through her faith, she has been able to take such a horrific tragedy and use it to warn other teens about the dangers of drug use and peer pressure. Everyone is welcome to attend (recommended ages: grades 5 and up). The meeting will be at the YMCA (6-7:15 P.M.). Open gym (5:30). Free pizza and pop will be provided. (Danielle will also be speaking at IC Middle School and possibly ICHS.)
- ◆ **Dec. 14th Live Nativity:** The Starkdale Youth Group will be going through the Live Nativity program from 7:30-8:00 P.M. If you cannot make it then, you are free to go at another time. The group times will begin at 5 P.M. and leave every half hour until the last group leaves at 7:30 P.M.
- ◆ **Dec. 16th Christmas Party!:** Meet at Pizza Hut at 6 P.M. for a free pizza and pop party until 6:45 P.M. From there, we will go to the church to play Christmas Pictionary and open presents (free for everyone in attendance-donated by church members). We will be done at the church at 7:30 P.M.
- ◆ **Jan. 11th "You Can't Handle the Truth!":** Jack Nicholson once said that preceding phrase in a movie. Is there such a thing as absolute truth? How can we know what is true or false? If so, does it matter, or can we make up the rules as we go? Prepare for a fascinating night of encouragement and challenge as we study how we can discern what is real/true. Location TBA. (6-7:15 P.M.)

OUTREACH

THE 4TH ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY

will be December 14th with six repeated presentations: 5:00/5:30/6:00/6:30/7:00/7:30 P.M. It will seem as if you are in the midst of the people and events that took place that holy night when our Savior was born in Bethlehem. Even if you have been to the Live Nativity in the past, come out to experience a few slight variations, and enjoy the tradition of worshipping God through the presentation of the birth of the Christ child. Of course there will be live animals (including Gretchen the camel) at the nativity and refreshments in the fellowship hall afterwards. Free of charge! Invite friends

LADIES, START YOUR OVENS!

The Outreach Committee is once again asking for your delicious homemade cookies to serve during the Live Nativity which is scheduled for December 14, 2014. Simply bake a batch or two of your favorite cookies and bring them to the church any time before December 14th. We ask that you place them in the freezer and please mark your container "Live Nativity." **Sign-up sheets** are located in the narthex and middle hallway. This will help us with planning for a

Soup Kitchen Report

70 people were served by Ella Jane Burns, Jo Copeland, John Criss, Robbie France, and Stu Stukins at the soup kitchen on November 13th. They made a meal of tasty meatball sandwiches, mac & cheese, salad, and pies from Two Ridges Presbyterian Church.

THANK YOU!

On November 1st, Starkdale graciously hosted a dinner and Chinese auction to benefit The Center of Hope (the Friendship Room Warming Center). Over \$6,400.00 was raised to aid our homeless neighbors. I would like to thank the Session members who approved the use of our Fellowship Hall. Thank you to each person who donated pop, a dessert or an item for our Chinese auction. All were very much appreciated.

Also a very special thank you to Patti Dennis who helped us set up on Friday and worked the entire day and evening on Saturday. Thanks to Lisa Busby who worked ALL day Saturday, well into the evening. And, Peggy Reikai who helped us during the dinner hour on Saturday!

Also, thanks to Jill and Gary Wickham. Gary scrubbed the kitchen floor and Jill helped me so much while I was pulling the winning tickets. Jill and Gary also jumped in and helped me call the winners of the items and make arrangements for pick up.

I heard so many nice compliments about Starkdale from folks visiting. It is so great to be part of a church on fire for the Lord and the building of his Kingdom!

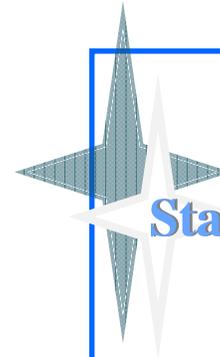
Below is a list of businesses and individuals who donated to the event. May God bless them for their generosity: **MANFRED'S RESTAURANT (JUDY MANFRED), DR. TOM AND SUZANNE BROWN, TEXAS ROADHOUSE, HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN, AUTO ZONE, WALTER'S HEATING, THOMPSON'S COUNTRY FLORIST, DR. PATRICK MACEDONIA, DR. MICHAEL AND DINA SCARPONE, REVIVAL, CARE MINISTRIES & HARRISON HILLS CHURCH, SMUCKERS INC / VICKI MUMAW, GINNY KUHN AT SHEER CONCEPTS , LEGAL HAIR, COMPLETE DENTAL CARE, KLS PORTRAITS , SCRAPBOOKING BY LISA, FUZZY PEACH, E-SPA NAIL SALON, RIESBECK'S, PASTOR BOBBYJON BAUMAN, BEEJE MOORHEAD, KROGER, CAROL NAPTES, MICHELLE MARTELLO, CATHY THOBURN, MARNETTE SEVERENCE, JOAN AND DICK DAVIS , PATTI DENNIS, KATHY BRETTELL, EILEEN MAMULA, DONNA STRANEY, VALLEY WINE CELLARS, JUDY HILTY, KATHY, EDDY AND AMY PURCELL, DEE PETRELLA, BILLY PETRELLA, ANNE BORSICK SWEENEY, ALYSSA KERKER, SHEILA JACKSON AND JULIE KRUPINISKI.**
KITCHEN, HALL AND RAFFLE HELPERS: JUDY'S CREW, THE CREW FROM CATHOLIC CENTRAL, LISA BUSBY, PEGGY REIKAI, AMY PHAM, JILL AND GARY WICKHAM, PATTI DENNIS. AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BROUGHT DESSERTS AND BEVERAGES.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!!

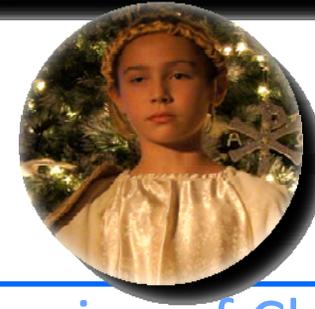
The Reason for the Season

Submitted by Dick Whalen

Santa lives at the North Pole.
JESUS is everywhere.
Santa rides in a sleigh.
JESUS rides in the wind and walks on the water.
Santa comes but once a year.
JESUS is an ever present help.
Santa fills your stockings with goodies.
JESUS supplies all your needs.
Santa comes down your chimney uninvited.
JESUS stands at your door and knocks and then enters your heart.
You have to stand in line to see Santa.
JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.
Santa lets you sit on his lap.
JESUS lets you rest in His arms.
Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is, "Hi little boy or girl. What's your name?"
JESUS knew our name before we did. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future. He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.
Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly.
JESUS has a heart full of love.
All Santa can offer is Ho, Ho, Ho!
JESUS offers health, help, and hope.
Santa says, "You better not cry."
Jesus says, "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."
Santa's little helpers make toys.
JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes, and builds mansions.
Santa may make you chuckle, but
JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.
While Santa puts gifts under your tree,
JESUS became our gift and died on the tree.
It's obvious there is really no comparison.
We need to remember WHO Christmas is all about.



4th Annual Live Nativity Starkdale Presbyterian Church Sunday, December 14th Presentations at:



True Meaning of Christmas

FROM THE MAILBOX

Dear Starkdale Family:

We are VERY grateful for the out-pouring of compassion and Christian sympathy expressed by our congregation over the past few weeks as we mourned the death of Melanie's father, Mike Nestor. We were overwhelmed by the condolences and receipt of many cards and gifts of support and words cannot adequately express our gratitude for your concern, thoughts and prayers. We are truly blessed to be members of Starkdale Evangelical Presbyterian Church and consider it an honor to call many of you friends.

One thing we have learned throughout this trial in addition to the support we received is that one's Faith in the Lord can carry you through even the toughest of times. Mike was a devout man of Faith and the absolute assurance of knowing where he is now is a source of extreme comfort. In the coming months, Kody's Grandma (Melanie's mother Roberta Nestor) will be coming to live with us and she intends to attend Starkdale. We can't wait to introduce her to our loving and wonderful church family.

Gratefully, and in HIS love,

Dear Starkdale Family,

We would like to thank the Starkdale Men's Group, the Starkdale Presbyterian Women, and all involved with the Chicken Grill for the generous donation to our son, John, to help with his medical bills.

January 2015



	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church Hall	1 Office Closed New Year's Day	2	3 9-2 p.m. Quilters Inc. (Fh)	
Worship Worship Rehearsal	8 6 p.m. Session/Deacon Meeting 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting	9	10 2-4:30 p.m. Scouts Pinewood Derby Workshop (Fh)	
Worship Worship Rehearsal	15 9 a.m. Soup Kitchen 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting	16	17	
Worship Worship Rehearsal	22 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting	23	24	
Worship Worship Rehearsal	29 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting	30	31	



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Fh=Fellowship

4 <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	5 6 p.m. Property Meeting 7 p.m. Worship Comm. Mtg. 6:15 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	6 10 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Dart Baseball	7 6 p.m. Bible S 7:15 p.m. Chc
11 Communion Kids Rock TBA 6 p.m. SYM	12 6 p.m. Administration Com. 6:15 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	13 10 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Dart Baseball	14 6 p.m. Bible S 7:15 p.m. Chc
18 1:15 p.m. Carriage House 4 p.m. Kids Rock	19 6:15 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	20 10 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Dart Baseball	21 6 p.m. Bible S 7:15 p.m. Chc
25 4 p.m. Kids Rock 2-7 p.m. Pinewood Derby Set-up (Fh)	26 6:30 p.m. Outreach Com. 6:15 p.m. Cub Scouts- Pinewood Derby 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	27 10 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Dart Baseball	28 6 p.m. Bible S 7:15 p.m. Chc

Dear Starkdale Family:

Sandee Huber, George Sr., and George Jr. would like to thank you for all of your cards, flowers, and kindness during Brian's passing. Everyone's support has been a blessing. I would like to give a special thanks to Philip, Steve, and all of the women, men, and workers that prepared and served the meal after the funeral. God bless you all,

Dear Starkdale Presbyterian Church Members,

Thank you for your money donation to the Tony Teramana TEAR Fund for cancer patients from your Hymnfest. All of your donated money of \$1,726.00 will go only to our patients in need. They will benefit from your help with food, medicines, and transportation/gas. God bless you and your loved ones. Sincerely yours,

Susan Miller, Patient Advocate

Dear Starkdale Church Family,

God bless you all for your great generosity and care for the poor. You are all true examples of living the gospel. God be praised!

Molly McGovern



December 2014



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	<p>1 6 p.m. Property Meeting 7 p.m. Worship Comm. Mtg. 6:15 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2 10 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Dart Baseball</p>	<p>3 6 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9-2 p.m. Quilters Inc. (Fh) 9 a.m. New Church Officers Examination</p>
<p>7 3 p.m. Kids Rock 6 p.m. SYM 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting Second Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>8 6 p.m. Administration Com. 6:15 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>9 10 a.m. Bible Study 12 p.m. SPW 6 p.m. Dart Baseball</p>	<p>10 6 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11 9 a.m. Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. Session Meeting 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 10 a.m. Live Nativity Set-Up</p>
<p>14 Communion 5/5:30/6/6:30/7/7:30 p.m. Live Nativity Third Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>15 10 a.m. Live Nativity - Clean 6:15 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>16 10 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Dart Baseball 6 p.m. SYM</p>	<p>17 6 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
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