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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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THE CHIMES

Starkdale Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 December 2015/January 2016 Newsletter



Matthew 1:23

*Behold, a virgin shall be with child,
 and shall bring forth a son, and they
 shall call his name Emmanuel,
 which being interpreted is,*

God with us.

FROM THE SESSION

We are striving to keep the congregation updated on the pastoral searches (both interim and called pastors) every step of the way. We have made significant progress toward our goals. Thank you for your patience in understanding the seriousness of the task before each committee and realizing these processes must be followed through with thoroughness.

UPDATES:

The Interim Search Committee has interviewed several candidates and is in the process of selecting a candidate to recommend to Session for approval.

The Pastoral Search Committee has posted the Church Information Form on the EPC website and will be studying the Personal Information Forms as we receive them from pastoral candidates and begin the interviewing process.

As always, if you have any questions, please refer to the EPC Book of Order or any of the Ruling Elder representatives on the search committees:

ISC-Bob Burns, Jeanne Cox, Esther Harris, Scott Murison (chair), or Bob Sagrilla.

PSC-Dr. Tom Brown, Jane Gambos, or Carolyn Glaub (chair).

Many of us in the “Over 80’s” membership of the Starkdale family enjoyed a lovely lunch and outstanding program on October 29 at Zalenski’s restaurant.

CarolynLee Barrett, long time planner of the event, entertained with special humor appreciated by our older generation.

A beautiful musical program was presented by Carolyn Glaub and Eleanor Hewitt, accompanied by Stephan Carroll.

A group sing-a-long including many of our favorite hymns concluded the afternoon.

It was truly an enjoyable event!

Marge Bedortha

Dear Starkdale,

On behalf of Bob Oklok, we would like to express our gratitude for all the prayers and cards that were sent as he battled cancer, along with a lot of other situations, the last 8 years. There were good days, but during the bad times, he knew his Starkdale family was always there.

Thank you.

Carol Oklok and family

THE MAIL BOX



Starkdale Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, kind words and sympathy for the loss of David's brother, Bob.

Sincerely,

David and Nancy Turkaly

Dear Starkdale Presbyterian Women,

Thank you for your donation of \$100.00 to The Valley Hospice Foundation. It ensures that Valley Hospice can continue to provide the help and support needed by so many patients and families who face life limiting illnesses. Valley Hospice has always provided care to anyone in need of our service, regardless of their ability to pay. This would not be possible without the generosity of donors like you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Bougher

SCRIP PROGRAM: The Session has decided to discontinue the SCRIP program. It has been a very successful program and has funded many projects for Starkdale in the past. Participation in the program has been softening over the last year due to individuals changing the way they pay for products and services. Many people are now using debit cards and credit cards that offer exceptional rewards programs to pay for purchases instead of cash and checks. We would like the congregation's help in purchasing the remaining cards. December is usually the busiest month for SCRIP due to the convenience and desirability of the cards for Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers. We have enclosed a list of the remaining cards. The SCRIP program has been kept separate from the general budget and will remain that way. The money in the account will be used in the future for non-budgeted needs and will not be intermingled with the general account. We would like to thank Donna Huff and Fred Huff Jr. for their managing of the program in the past. We will continue to carry Riesbeck's gift cards to provide for fellowship hour and for those who wish to purchase them for their personal use.

PLEDGE CARDS: If you haven't submitted your pledge (estimated giving) card for 2016 yet, please consider doing so before the end of December. This is a tangible way to express our thankfulness to God and help the Session make wise decisions regarding church finances for the coming year. Extra pledge cards are available in the narthex and hallway.

2016 PER CAPITA is \$35.50 per member which includes \$23 to fund the EPC General Assembly budget and \$12.50 to fund the Presbytery of the Alleghenies budget. The Per Member Asking from churches funds the operation of the administration offices as well as the offices of the various EPC ministries. Please prayerfully consider participating toward Starkdale's contribution.

FLOCK



TALK

Abigail Kinney recently earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award, the highest award that can be earned as a Girl Scout Junior. This award is given based on the demonstration of commitment to service, sharing skills, and developing leadership. Abigail and two other Girl Scouts earned this award by completing a landscaping project at the Unionport Community Center. They worked together to complete this project which was capped off by completing a scrapbook of the work they did and joining the Senior Citizens for a luncheon at the Community Center.

David Kinney received honorable mention district honors for soccer from the Eastern District Soccer Coaches Association. David is a 3-year letterman in soccer at Edison High School.

New Arrivals

Jerry and Joyce Palmer announce the arrival of their 13th grandchild, Mila, who was born on November 18th and is the daughter of Geoff Palmer and Alexandra Robertson.

Tom and Suzanne Brown announce the arrival of their newest grandchild, Margaret Julia O’Neil “Maggie,” who was born on October 3rd at 8:17 A.M. weighing 8 lbs. 15 oz., measuring 21 inches. She is the daughter of Jen and Paul O’Neil and has a 2 1/2 year old sister, Claire.



How To Pray for An Hour

I am often asked by people what I do during my extended times of prayer, and specifically, how do I organize my hours of prayer?

- Top of the hour - 10 minutes of personal preps, worship, sing, give thanks, Scripture, etc
- 10 minutes after to 40 after is intensive intercession time - follow the schedule for variety
- Bottom of the hour 10 minutes is break time to read, walk, get a snack, drink, etc or even spend some quiet moments chatting with a friend. Keep your conversation on spiritual things.
- Find your rhythm. This is not a law, but a suggestion. Find what works for you. Be flexible.

	<p><u>Top of Every Hour</u> At the top of every hour we begin a new step of intercession. This keeps us focused and moving along in our intercessory prayer time. Prayer discipline begins with “time.” Jesus asked his disciples, “<i>Could you not watch one hour?</i>”</p>
	<p><u>First 10 minutes</u> The first 10 minutes are preparatory so we use the first 3 steps of stillness, worship, and thanksgiving. Make this a regular pattern in your prayer life whenever you pray. “<i>Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise, be thankful and bless His name.</i>”</p>
	<p><u>40 Minutes of Intercession</u> Each hour is composed of a solid 40 minutes of intercession on the step at hand. If you find trouble staying focused then use some prayer actions to keep attentive. Change your position often, journal to God, pray some out loud, pray Scripture, etc.</p>
	<p><u>Last Ten Minutes</u> The last 10 minutes of every hour is time for a break. You are only human and need to break your routine to keep from weariness. Take a bathroom break, a coffee or juice break. If you are on a retreat with others use this time to chat with a friend about what God is teaching you about prayer.</p>

Submitted by Jeanne Cox

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO :

Ted and Janice Whitaker, Stu and Janet Stukins, and their extended family, in the death of Janice and Janet’s sister, Joyce Booth, on November 18th.



There’s no better way to spend Christmas Eve than joining together for our annual **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24th at 7 P.M.** as we give glory to God for sending our Savior. Hope to see you at this special worship service.



Dear Starkdale Congregation,

If you have any articles, information, or news you would like to share, please submit it to the church office by January 15th to be included in the February 2016 issue of the CHIMES newsletter.



Pastors of Starkdale

Rev. Paul Danielson- Stated Supply Pastor

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

December Leadership Duties

Ruling Elders

Worship & Christian Education Committees

Dr. Tom Brown
Jeanne Cox
Carolyn Glaub
Esther Harris

Deacons

Laura Chanoski
Bob Daily
Pat Daily
Kelly Dopp
Michael Paris
Andrew Stewart

Nursery Assistants

6 Ella Jane Burns
13 Toni Zajdowicz
20 David/Andrew Kinney
27 Mary Louise Morgan

January Ruling Elder Duty

Administration Committee

Dr. Bob Archer
Bob Burns
Scott Murison



December Schedule

Dec. 5th-Christmas Party at Pizza Hut at 6 pm. Will end at 7:30 pm at the church.

Dec. 10th- Christmas Caroling and Presents for Patients - Dixon Nursing home at 6:30 pm.



The Valley's Got Talent Nov. 8th



Chris Tomlin Concert Nov. 14th

Dec. 13th-Live Nativity at 7 pm.



December/ January Schedule

- Dec 6th, 6-7:15pm
- Dec 13th, No kids rock - live nativity
- Dec 20th, 6-7:15
- Dec 27th, No kids rock
- Jan 3rd, No kids rock
- Jan 10th 6-7:15pm
- Jan 17th 6-7:15pm
- Jan 24th 6-7:15pm

January Birthdays

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

January Anniversaries

- 6 Douglas and Charlene Freshwater

December Birthdays

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

December Anniversaries

3 Howard & Judith Cooper
7 Pete & Denise Franckhauser
17 Steve and Felecia Elliott
23 Bobbyjon & Renee Bauman
23 Don & Dianna Vandeborne
31 Chris & Kelly Dopp

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

SOUP KITCHEN REPORT

On November 12th, soup kitchen volunteers, Ella Jane Burns, John Criss, Roberta France, Joyce Palmer and Stu Stukins served a Thanksgiving meal of chicken legs and thighs, dressing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and cooked apples to 82 people. In addition to the meal, Two Ridges Presbyterian Church provided dessert.

CLINGING CROSS MINISTRY

This patient stated, "This cross gets me through these days."

Clinging Crosses are a wonderful evangelism tool. They are available in the library with a sign-out sheet.

Call Suzanne Brown for more information



5TH ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY



SUNDAY DECEMBER 13TH PRESENTATIONS REPEAT:



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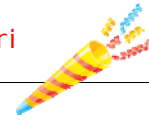


Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



	1 New Year's Day	2 9 am Quilter's InC.
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<i>pm Bible Study</i> <i>pm PSC Mtg.</i> <i>:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</i> piphany of the Lord 2th Day of Christmas		
3	14 <i>9 am Soup Kitchen</i> <i>6 pm Session/Deacon Mtg.</i>	15 16 Fh Rented
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<i>pm Bible Study</i> <i>pm PSC Mtg.</i> <i>:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>		
7	28 CHIMES Mail	29 30
<i>pm Bible Study</i> <i>pm PSC Mtg.</i> <i>:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>		



JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	W
3 8:30 & 11 am Worship 9:30 am SS 6 pm SYM 6 pm Kids Rock Epiphany Sunday	4 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Worship Mtg. 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	5 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball Twelfth Night	6 6 6 7 E 1:
10 8:30 & 11 am Worship 9:30 am SS Communion 6 pm SYM 6 pm Kids Rock 1st Sunday after the Epiphany	11 6 pm Property Mtg. 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Administration Mtg. 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	12 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	6 6 7
17 8:30 & 11 am Worship 9:30 am SS 1:15 pm Carriage House 6 pm SYM 6 pm Kids Rock 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	18 Office Closed 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Martin Luther King Jr.	19 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	21 6 6 7
24 8:30 & 11 am Worship 9:30 am SS 6 pm SYM 6 pm Kids Rock 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany	25 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Outreach Mtg. 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	26 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	27 6 6 7
31 8:30 & 11 am Worship 9:30 am SS 6 pm SYM 6 pm Kids Rock 4th Sunday after the Epiphany			



Take time out of your busy holiday schedule to reflect on the TRUE meaning of Christmas: The Savior, who is Christ The Lord. All ages will be blessed by the experience which reminds us that Jesus came as a babe in a manger. His name is called Emmanuel, which means God with us.

The Live Nativity is arranged to present the

Good News to all. It is a meaningful evangelism opportunity. Your whole family and your friends will be moved by the real Christmas story. See you on December 13th!





DECEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>10 am Bible Study</i> <i>6 pm Dart Baseball</i>	2 <i>6 pm Bible Study</i> <i>6 pm PSC Mtg.</i> <i>7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>	3	4	5 <i>9 am Quilters InC</i>
6 <i>8:30 & 11 am Worship</i> <i>9:30 am SS</i> <i>6 pm SYM</i> <i>6 pm Kids Rock</i>	7 <i>6:15 pm Cub Scouts</i> <i>7 pm Worship Mtg.</i> <i>7:30 pm Boy Scouts</i>	8 <i>10 am Bible Study</i> <i>11 am SPW</i> <i>6 pm Dart Baseball</i>	9 <i>6 pm Bible Study</i> <i>6 pm PSC Mtg.</i> <i>7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>	10 <i>9 am Soup Kitchen</i> <i>6 :30 pm Session Mtg.</i>	11	12 10 am Nativity Set-Up
2nd Sunday of Advent						
13 <i>8:30 & 11 am Worship</i> <i>9:30 am SS</i> <i>Communion</i> <i>5-8 pm Live Nativity</i>	14 10 am Nativity Clean-up <i>6 pm Property Mtg.</i> <i>6:15 pm Cub Scouts</i> <i>7 pm Administration Mtg.</i>	15 <i>10 am Bible Study</i> <i>6 pm Dart Baseball</i>	16 <i>6 pm Bible Study</i> <i>6 pm PSC Mtg.</i> <i>7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>	17	18	19 Deacons- Poinsettias Set-Up
3rd Sunday of Advent						
20 <i>8:30 & 11 am Worship</i> <i>9:30 am SS</i> <i>1:15 pm Carriage House</i>	21 <i>6:15 pm Cub Scouts</i> <i>7:30 pm Boy Scouts</i>	22 <i>10 am Bible Study</i> <i>6 pm Dart Baseball</i>	23 <i>6 pm Bible Study</i> <i>7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>	24 Office Closed  7 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight	25 	26
4th Sunday of Advent						
27 <i>8:30 & 11 am Worship</i> <i>9:30 am SS</i>	28 <i>6:15 pm Cub Scouts</i> <i>7:30 pm Boy Scouts</i>	29 <i>10 am Bible Study</i> <i>6 pm Dart Baseball</i>	30 <i>6 pm Bible Study</i> <i>6 pm PSC Mtg.</i> <i>7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>	31 Office Closed 		
First Sunday after Christmas						