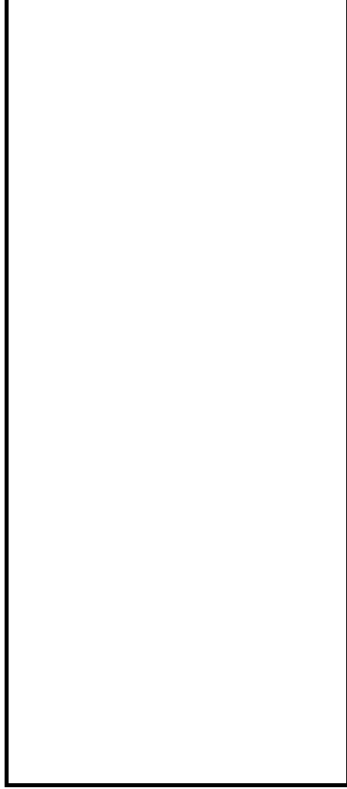




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MESSAGE FROM REV. G. CARL MOORE

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us.) (Mat 1:18-23 ESV)

Have you ever considered the beautiful irony of the birth of Christ—the Eternal Son of God becoming man? During the holy days of Christmas every year, we have the chance to revisit this sublime irony. No matter how many times I revisit this leitmotif in Scripture I always marvel at the profundity of God's love, a great love vouchsafed in such a little package.

During this season of Advent and Christmas consider anew this beautiful irony. To help us ponder, listen to St. Augustine's ironic description in two of his sermons from the 4th century:

JANUARY



Birthdays

- 2 David Turkaly
- 5 Ruth Carson
- 7 George Allan
- 7 Jeff Criss
- 8 Ted Whitaker
- 12 Laura Daily
- 13 Ann Huff
- 13 Lori Kinney
- 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 Hayes Murison
- 25 Beverly Wyman
- 27 Vickey Makari
- 29 Roberta France

Anniversaries

- 6 Douglas and Charlene Freshwater



Birthdays

1 Victoria Collins	20 Russell Wickham
3 Rick Patterson	21 Joan Copeland
3 Donald Vandeborne	21 Emily Ofca
7 Shannon Starr	23 Richard Baker (Rick)
8 R. J. Stewart Jr.	23 Rodney Louk
10 Denise Franckhauser	24 Nathan Bauman
11 Irwin Stukins (Stu)	25 Clarence Wickham
13 Joyce Palmer	27 John Parkinson
17 George Huber Jr.	27 Robert Stewart (R.J.)
18 Terri Throckmorton	30 Helen Bayne
18 Betty Vujnovic	30 Leanne Pendleton

Anniversaries

- 7 Peter and Denise Franckhauser
- 17 Steve and Felicia Elliott
- 23 Donald and Dianna Vandeborne
- 31 Chris and Kelly Dopp

*Our Lord came down from life to suffer death;
the Bread came down, to hunger;
the Way came down, on the way to weariness;
the Fount came down, to thirst.*

—Augustine, Sermon 78

*He so loved us that, for our sake,
He was made man in time, although through him all
times were made.
He was made man, who made man.
He was created of a mother whom he created. He was
carried by hands that he formed.
He cried in the manger in wordless infancy, he the
Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute.*

—Augustine, Sermon 188,2

God bless,
Pastor Carl



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL



Weekday classes - Rev. Moore, meet in Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. 3rd Sat. - *Calvin's Institutes*

10:00 a.m. Tuesday - *The Ten Commandments*

6:00 p.m. Wednesday - *The Ten Commandments*

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Sunday morning classes- 9:45 a.m.

We have two adult classes:

The *Westminster Confession of Faith* study, led by Rev.

Carl Moore, meets in the Adult Sunday School Room

The Bible From Scratch Class, led by Sandy Conrad meets
in the Library

K-5th Grade - meets in the children's classroom with
Janice Whitaker

The Jr. High and High School (6th through 12th grade)
meets in Office Room 200, with Carolyn Glaub.

There are classes for everyone! The nursery is also available for
younger children during the Sunday morning classes.

Please join us. Coffee and donuts are also provided.

Janice Whitaker

Christian Education, Chair



Flock Talk



Proud parents, Zack and Catherine Pendleton, announce the birth of their son, Kit Thomas Pendleton, born on Sept 12, 2017. Grandparents are Pat and Leanne Pendleton. Great grandparents are Fred and Imogene Louk.



Brian and Michelle Timmons announce the birth of their daughter, Mila Marie Timmons, born on November 5, 2017, weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz. The big brother is Camden Timmons. The proud grandparents are Tom and Tyra Timmons.



Paul went to the home of Tom and Suzanne Brown during a hard snow. The car couldn't make it up the hill. Suddenly, there was a 4-wheeler that took Paul to the house and back to his car.

Jason, who loved music and played it all the time said his recorder had broken. Sure enough, the Four Friends, got Jason a new recorder.

And the best story: Tony who,cried all the time,because the house where he lived with his grandmother had burned down, got pneumonia and was hospitalized three days before Christmas. The nurses tried to make it a happy time for Tony. But all-in-all, Tony had a tough life. Fifteen years later, when Paul went to visit a blood bank, there was Tony, now a grown man, helping at the blood bank. Tony became a cardiologist at five hospitals in Arkansas and was invited to Washington D.C. for a presidential citation. Paul Fletcher, Tony's dad wanted to fly Paul and Dolores to Arkansas to be Santa there again for Tony, but it didn't happen.

Paul never charged a fee; donations were used to make Christmas happy for others. "Bottles of cheer" were often offered to Paul.

Paul received a letter from the State of Ohio, recognizing 50 years of portraying Santa in Jefferson County. He also received a citation from Jefferson County for his work.

The Four Friends helped with food and toy purchases and were a large part of the success.

Paul said, his last "Santa" visit was sad for him after 50 years, but the adventure was very satisfying and rewarding.

We commend you, admire and love you Paul, Dolores, and family, and the Four Friends for your outstanding work and wonderful Christmas times you gave to so many people.

It has been my privilege to learn, enjoy, and pass on the remarkable story of our Santa, Paul Visyak.





*Dear Starkdale Family,
I would like to say thanks for all of my cards, food, telephone calls, flowers, and gifts. Plus, my visits from Rev. Moore and Rev. Bullard.*

I am looking forward to walking on my own again. It has been a long journey for me.

I will be happy to see all of you in church. The church has truly been my church family.

*Thank you again,
Helen Unsold*

Starkdale Members and Family,

We deeply appreciated your kind expression of sympathy and want to thank you for your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

*God Bless,
The Family of Jack Daily: Carol Daily, Dave and Pat Daily, Bob and Linda Daily, Karen and Steve Orwick.*



Our Sympathy is extended to Paul, Lisa, Lindsay, and Paul Busby, Toni Zajdowicz, and their extended family in the death of their mother, and grandmother, Inez Zajdowicz, on October 4, 2017.

Our Sympathy is extended to Howard Cooper and his extended family, in the death of his wife, Judy Cooper, on October 22, 2017.

Our Sympathy is extended to Carol Daily, Bob and Linda Daily, Steve and Karen Orwick, Dave and Pat Daily, and their extended family (which includes several additional members of our congregation), in the death of their husband, father, and brother, Jack Daily, on November 4, 2017.

HOURS WITH OUR SANTA

Submitted by: Betty Vujnovic

I spent two delightful afternoons with Paul Visyak and his lovely wife Dolores, to learn about Paul's 50 year adventure as Santa Claus.

He started in 1963, to play Santa to many people in homes, clubs, churches, schools, and children's homes. He traveled the Upper Ohio Valley going as far South in Ohio, to Shadyside and North to Toronto. In West Virginia to Follansbee and Weirton.

His first costume was a used one donated by Jerry Carnahan. After that, Dolores, with her sewing skills, made all his costumes.

Spreading joy to so many others at Christmas often meant sacrificing time at home. The family agreed it was worthwhile.

Paul related many poignant, often sad, sometimes happy, encounters during the 50 years. Here are a few of them:

Heading for the B and A Club, walking the street without boots; dogs came after him and tore his "spats." He asked Patty, a worker there, if she could sew his "spats." She said "no," so he went home where Dolores repaired them. But at the same B and A Club, some boys slammed the door on his hand. No "Ho, Ho, Ho," this trip.

At one home where the parents had no work, there were no gifts, no food. The neighbors and Paul brought toys and food, and decorated a tree. The family rejoiced, crying tears of joy.

When Santa asked one little girl what her Christmas wish was, she only wanted her parents to get together.

At another facility, when Paul gave a girl, Dorothy, her gift, she threw it at him. She wanted a blue purse. A lady, Anne, who was helping had a blue purse. She went home and got it. Paul told Dorothy, he forgot the purse. She said, "Santa, I love you," and tried to follow him home.

Another boy came to Paul with a dollar in his hand to give to the other children.

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**SANTA - PAUL VISYAK
50 YEARS**



SANTA WITH GRANDSON HUNTER ROTHACKER

Soup Kitchen

In 1982 Rev. Michael Dudley decided that St. Paul's, Steubenville needed an outreach program to feed the city's homeless. The "Bread and Roses Soup Kitchen" served a soup and sandwich meal on Thursday at noon to 13 individuals. At present, volunteers serve between 60 and 100 people each week, and since September 2017, 2,374 meals have been served. The program is now manned by three churches along with St. Paul's. They are: Starkdale Presbyterian Church (second Thursday), Two Ridges Presbyterian Church (supplies dessert), and Wintersville United Methodist Church (fifth Thursday). At Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter a full meal is served.

On October 12th, Starkdale volunteers served a delicious hot meal of spaghetti, Italian bread, and cakes from Two Ridges Church, feeding 65 people. Those serving were Ella Jane Burns, Jo Copeland, Pastor Carl and Rhonda Moore, Bobbie France, George Glenn, and Stu Stukins.

On November 9, 2017, Starkdale volunteers served a warm meal to 80 people. The menu included turkey, dressing and gravy, green beans, biscuits, and pumpkin pies provided by Two Ridges Presbyterian Church. Those serving were Ella Jane Burns, Jo Copeland, Pastor Carl and Rhonda Moore, Carol Oklok and Stu Stukins.

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	Mon	Tue	Wed
3 First Sunday in Advent	4 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Worship Mtg. 7 pm Prayer Meeting	5 9 am Prayer Mtg. 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	6 6 pm Bibl 7:15p Ch Practice
10 Second Sunday in Advent COMMUNION LIVE NATIVITY (5:00pm-8:00pm) <u>No Fellowship Hour</u>	11 Nativity tear- down (10:00 a.m.) 6 pm Property Mtg. 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Prayer	12 9 am Prayer Mtg. 10 am Bible Study 11:30 am Women's Christmas Luncheon	13 6 pm Bibl 7:15p Ch Practice
17 Third Sunday In Advent 1:15 pm Carriage House	18 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Prayer Meeting	19 9 am Prayer Mtg. 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	20 6 pm Bib 7:15p Chc
24 Fourth Sunday in Advent 7 pm Christmas Eve	25 CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
31 New Year's Eve		<i>Merry</i> CHRISTMAS AN	

7TH ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY

STARKDALE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



DECEMBER 10, 2017

Presentations at:

5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30 pm

**Cookies and Hot Chocolate will be
served in Fellowship Hall following each
half-hour presentation.**

OUTREACH

COOKIES NEEDED FOR THE LIVE NATIVITY




It is hard to believe it's that time of year already. But it's time to start BAKING! Cookies are needed for the event. If you are able to donate a dozen or so, put them in our kitchen freezer, marked "Live Nativity." Thank you so much, it will be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU!

The Outreach Committee would like to thank the congregation for their more than generous donations of clothing contributed to the Richmond Lighthouse EPC's Caring Closet. The clothing items were distributed to those in need on November 11th. Again, thank you for helping with this ministry.

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e Study oir	7	8	9 Nativity Set-up 10:00 am 
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le Study oir Practice	21	22	23 10:00 a.m. Poinsettias Set-up
	28	29	30
	ID A HAPPY <i>New Year</i>		



January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3	4		6 9 am Quilters Inc.
7 Epiphany Sunday	8 (6 pm) Property Mtg. 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Prayer Meeting 7 pm Admin. Mtg. 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	9 9 am Prayer Mtg. 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	10 6 pm Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Practice	11 9 am Soup Kitchen 6 pm Session Mtg.	12	13
14 COMMUNION 1st Sunday after the Epiphany	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16 9 am Prayer Mtg. 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	17 6 pm Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Practice	18	19	20 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am Calvin Study
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28 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany	29 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Outreach Mtg. 7 pm Prayer Meeting	30 9 am Prayer Mtg. 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	31 6 pm Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir			