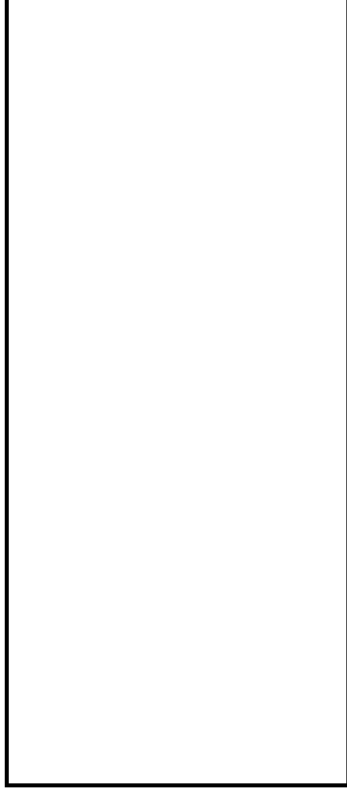




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# THE CHIMES



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**MESSAGE FROM  
REV. G. CARL MOORE**

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

Mat 1:18-23 ESV

The term incarnation is a theological term used to describe the nature and person of Jesus Christ! The word incarnation means to en flesh or give bodily form, literally the act of being made flesh. This is what John 1:14 teaches: "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." The word flesh means human: God became a human being! The Incarnation teaches two important truths: Jesus is God; Jesus is human!



**JANUARY**

**Birthdays**

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2 David Turkaly     | 17 Margaret Stewart |
| 3 Alexis Gambos     | 18 Olivia Chanoski  |
| 5 Ruth Carson       | 19 Sandee Huber     |
| 7 George Allan      | 23 Hayden Paris     |
| 7 Jeff Criss        | 25 Hayes Murison    |
| 8 Ted Whitaker      | 25 Beverly Wyman    |
| 13 Lori Kinny       | 27 Vickey Makari    |
| 15 Sharon Patterson |                     |

16 Mary Louise Morgan

**Anniversaries**

6 Douglas and Charlene Freshwater



## DECEMBER

### Birthdays

3 Rick Patterson	21 Joan Copeland
3 Donald Vandeborne	23 Rodney Louk
8 R. J. Stewart, Jr.	25 Clarence Wickham
10 Denise Franckhauser	27 John Parkinson
11 Irwin Stukins (Stu)	27 Robert (R.J.) Stewart
13 Joyce Palmer	30 Helen Bayne
17 George Huber, Jr.	30 Leanne Pendleton
18 Betty Hackathorne	
18 Terri Throckmorton	
20 Russell Wickham	

### Anniversaries

7 Peter and Denise Franckhauser
23 Donald and Dianna Vandeborne
31 Chris and Kelly Dopp

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 irony and 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.

In conclusion, during this season of 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:

*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,*

Merry Christmas,  
Pastor Carl



**STARKDALE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON  
DECEMBER 10, 2019  
11:30 A.M.**

Starkdale Presbyterian Women (SPW) is a Christian fellowship that meets at 11:30 A.M. once a month, September through May (on the 4th Tuesday with the exception of November and December when dates are changed to accommodate holidays).

Every woman in the church is welcome to attend. Meetings consist of fellowship, business, prayer, and Bible study. Membership involves contribution of prayer, service, attendance, or gifts to SPW projects.

If you would like to join us for the Christmas luncheon, bring one of the following: appetizer, covered dish, salad or dessert. We also have a (very exciting) \$5.00 gift exchange!

RSVP to Co-moderators, Mary Beth Allan or Karen Hill. You may also call the church office at (740) 264-5309.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
WINTER SCHEDULE**



Weekday classes are led by Rev. Carl Moore, studying Romans. Meets in fellowship hall at  
10 a.m. Tuesday  
6 p.m. Wednesday

The following Sunday School classes meet at 9 a.m.

The adult class meets in the Adult Sunday School room led by Rev. Carl Moore - studying Galatians.

The Bible From Scratch led by Sandy Conrad, meets in the library - studying - 2 Thessalonians  
K-5th Grade meets in the children's classroom, Teacher, Miranda Parkinson.

Nursery is also available for younger children during Sunday morning classes.

Please join us.  
Coffee and donuts are also served.

NEWS  
FROM THE  
FLOCK



THANK YOU FOR THE MANY GREAT  
PICTURES AND ARTICLES WE  
RECEIVED IN 2019!  
WE WOULD LOVE TO SHARE YOUR  
EVENTS IN THE COMING YEAR.

THANK YOU!

WE WISH YOU

A VERY, VERY, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**NEW CHOIR MEMBERS**

Our choir is growing! Welcome new members, Sophia Roach and Preston Marker!

If you would like to join others who are using their voices for the glory of God, or you have any questions about joining the choir, please contact the choir director, Carolyn Glaub.

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
DECEMBER 24 - 7:00 P.M.**



Please join us for the Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service. It is a beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*For to us a child is born,  
To us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders,  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting  
Father, Prince of Peace*

Isaiah 9:6

## Advent and Christmas

Advent compels us to live life anticipating the Lord's great day when he returns and eliminates evil and death. We are to look upward to the return of Christ from heaven and forward to a glorious life with him and the saints.

Christmas compels us to live a life of initiative, identification, involvement, and invitation. Jesus took the initiative toward us and identified with us by becoming one of us when he was born. Throughout his life on earth, he involved himself in our basic needs and concerns (including the need to be free from sin and death), and invited and welcomed us to receive his salvation. Likewise, Christmas motivates us to be the same toward each other. We are not to wait for people to inquire of us; we are to take the initiative towards them, identify with them, involve ourselves in their needs and concerns, and invite them to partake of God's saving grace.

Excerpt from: *In Conclusion*, by Dr. Rev. Philip Makari, Pastor Emeritus.

Submitted by Janice Whitaker, Chimes Staff

## RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE



Rummage Sale Team

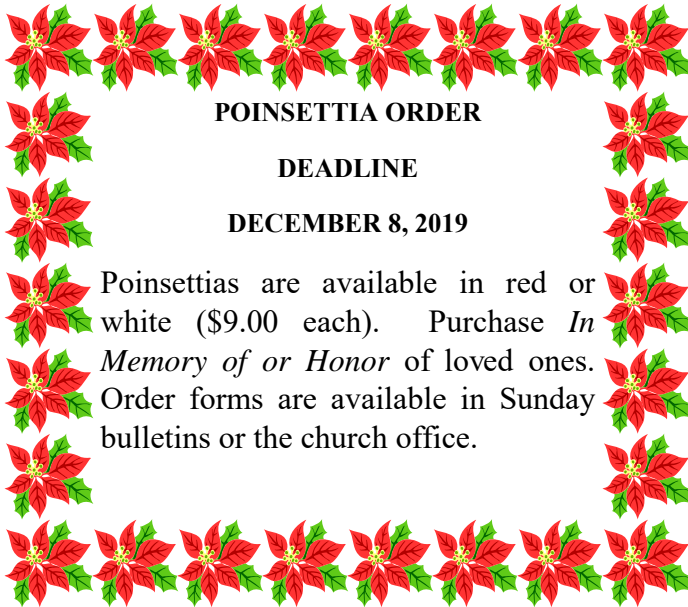
(Left) Terri Throckmorton, Suzanne Brown, Leslie Aftanas, Donna Huff, (center) Ava Aftanas

The Chimes staff missed this beautiful photo of our very hard working rummage sale team in the November issue. Many thanks to Suzanne Brown and Leslie Aftanas for coordinating this huge event. Thank you so much for a terrific job and a lot of fun and fellowship. We have our Chimes staff reporters around who tell us that the congregation is very appreciative! The grand total collected was \$1673.50, which will go toward the paving of the parking lot.



## SOUP KITCHEN

On November 14, 2019, soup kitchen volunteers served a hot lunch to 65 people. The menu was turkey, cranberry sauce, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy and desserts from Two Ridges Presbyterian Church. Volunteers were Ella Jane Burns, Bryan Kipsy, Bob Kramer, Pastor Carl, Brad Moore, Sharon and Rick Patterson, and Stu Stukins.



### POINSETTIA ORDER

#### DEADLINE

**DECEMBER 8, 2019**

Poinsettias are available in red or white (\$9.00 each). Purchase *In Memory of or Honor* of loved ones. Order forms are available in Sunday bulletins or the church office.



## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

On behalf of Refuge for Women Ohio Valley, thank you for supporting The Night Of Hope Gala on October 19, 2019, with your generous gift of \$200. The event raised more than \$24,000. All funds raised go directly to support women rescued from sexual exploitation. Our passion is to give them a real hope that translates into a new life, and teach them how to build a brighter future beyond their past.

Together with generous friends like you, we're helping one woman at a time complete our program with a vision for her future, equipped to lead a successful life marked with dignity and hope.

Refuge for Women could not do what it does without the generous support of a caring community. Thank you again for your thoughtful gift to these beautiful women.

Sincerely,

Shari Prichard, Board Director (Thank you!)

Theresa Golden, City Director





## COOKIES NEEDED

Cookie baking time is here once again. If you are able to donate a dozen or so cookies for this year's Live Nativity, please place them in the freezer marked "Live Nativity" by the morning of December 9th. It will be very greatly appreciated.



Merry  
Christmas

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## 9TH LIVE NATIVITY DECEMBER 8, 2019



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.

Presentations repeat at:

5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 & 7:30 P.M