



THE CHIMES
STARKDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2010/JANUARY 2011

Dear Starkdale Family,

It is with great anticipation and heartfelt excitement that I look forward to a meaningful Advent Season followed by Christmas (the most wonderful time of the year). But can you believe that we are already here? By the time this issue of the Chimes approaches your doorsteps, you would probably already be surrounded with Christmas decorations and joyful Christmas music.

No one can subdue the Christmas joy. Even department stores and other businesses that in the name of “political correctness” were determined in the past to do away with the Christmas spirit and greet it as “happy holidays”, could not continue in that direction. This year, you can hear choirs in the malls, be wished a “Merry Christmas” by employees, and even have the Messiah Chorus sung by thousands at Macy’s. If you really want to witness a moving experience that would bring tears of joy to your eyes, go to Youtube on your computer and type: *Random Act of Culture - Hallelujah chorus in Macy’s*. This event-site was forwarded to me by Keith Murdock about a week ago. Since then I have forwarded it to many people and posted it on my Facebook. What an amazing new development this is, within our ungodly culture! Whether America is secular, pluralistic, socialist, agnostic, or even atheistic, no one can subdue the spirit of Christmas. Yet, the spirit and the joys of Christmas are what they are because of what they mean: Christ was born to save the human soul from sin and death. Nothing in life can match this wonderful GOOD NEWS. Nevertheless, only those, in whose hearts Christ has been born, can rejoice with the heavenly choruses and join them in their song “Glory to God in the highest.” The true joy of Christmas is not in lights and sounds and fancy gifts under Christmas trees. Neither is the true joy of Christmas

in the gatherings of family members and friends feasting and enjoying each other’s company. The true joy of Christmas is in knowing that the God of heaven is “Emmanuel”; he is “God with us”. The true joy of Christmas is in knowing that because of Christ’s redemptive power, I shall never die. It is in realizing that no matter what happens to me or around me in this life, my soul has a glorious and eternal extension.

Christmas speaks for itself. It proclaims “God is in charge.” Satan succeeded in causing Adam and Eve to be “kicked out” of Eden’s paradise. But in Christ and because of Christ, paradise lost is paradise regained. Christmas speaks for itself; it says “God loves the world and will not let go of men and women he created in his image.” That was why he “gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” Christmas speaks for itself; it illustrates how far, how deep and how down-to-earth the eternal God of heaven is willing to go for one lost soul. Christmas speaks for itself; it sends its signals to the entire earth, to nations at war, to tribes isolated from civilization, to broken homes, to hospitals, nursing homes and shut-ins, to alienated individuals, to people without hope, proclaiming “Peace on earth and good will toward men;” our LIVING HOPE is here. His name is “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.” Christmas speaks for itself; it exhorts us that if we truly desire fulfillment in life and hope for eternity, there is only One who can make this possible; he is Jesus Christ: God Incarnate, the Son of

God (i.e. God’s very embodiment and likeness), the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the One by whom and for whom all things were created and are sustained, the solid rock on which we stand, the Everlasting Arms, the Joy of Heaven and the Hope of Earth.

Remember then: No Jesus; No Peace. Know Jesus; Know Peace.

May your Christmas time bring you all the peace of Christ.

Amen.

Philip Makari

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE IN THE JOY OF THE SEASON

Starkdale Opportunities

- * **Christmas Caroling:** Carolers will meet at the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 4 to Christmas carol to area shut ins. Please contact Rick Patterson for more information.
- * **Starkdale Presbyterian Women** will share in the joy of the holiday with one another at their annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 14 at Noon.
- * **Holiday Gathering for Presbyterian Women**

A holiday and friendship gathering for the Presbyterian Women and the Friendship Circle at the Marshall House in New Cumberland, WV is being planned for Thursday, Dec. 9 from 6 -8 pm. The house is the home of the Hancock County Historical Society and is listed on the National Registrar of Historic Places. It was built in 1887 and period-style decorations still highlight the rooms. The house is currently decorated for Christmas and would be a beautiful setting for a night of Christmas fellowship, singing (they have a player piano that plays Christmas carols) and light refreshments. The women that run the house will be dressed in period costume and will provide a tour and information on the house. The church van may be used for transportation if needed, please let us know your need. There is no cost to use the museum but a donation to the Historical Society would be welcomed. Please – if interested – RSVP to Jeanne Cox by Dec. 4 by calling 304-670-1053 or email jscox24@yahoo.com or you may call the church office at 264-5309. This will be a delightful evening. Please plan to join us.



The Marshall House—
New Cumberland, WV

- * **Children's Christmas Program** following the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 12.
- * **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service,** Friday, December 24 at 8:00 p.m.
- * **The Flower and Hospitality Hour Charts** are posted and ready for your selection of dates to provide the flowers for the weekly worship services or to host the weekly hospitality hour.
- * **Poinsettia order forms are available** in the narthex or you may call the church office with information. The poinsettias are an annual tradition to remember or honor your loved ones and provide the beauty of the season to the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve worship service.

Community Opportunities

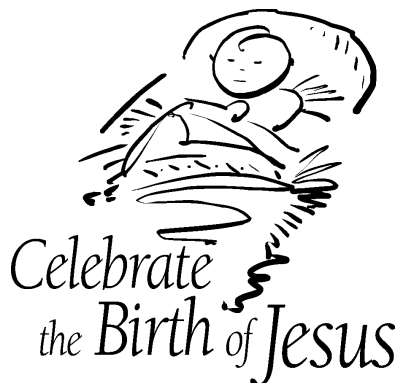
- * **Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Jefferson County** has received a Christmas tree donated in the name of Starkdale Presbyterian Church. The 12 foot tree will be displayed at their display of trees available for purchase at the Ft. Steuben Mall. Please stop by their display at the Mall this season and support Big Brothers/Big Sisters worthy cause.
- * **Eastern Gateway Community College** will accept new or gently used books (adult and children) for redistribution through the Urban Mission. The collection container is located outside the library at the college. The college will be glad to arrange pick up for you of the books if needed. Call Judy Miller at 740-264-5591 ext. 113 or Amanda Coburn at ext. 110. Deadline for contribution of books is Monday, December 13.
- * **The Bethlehem Walk** is an outdoor drama which brings to life this small Judean village on the night of Christ's birth. This "you were there" production is sponsored by a number of area churches & involves approximately 150 people in its cast & crew. The Bethlehem Walk begins at the Scio United Methodist Church, Scio, Ohio. Phone 740-945-4951 for more information. This year's walk will be held December 3, 4 and 5. Music begins at 6:30 p.m. and tours will be conducted from 7-9 each evening.
- * **Presents for Patients** offers you the opportunity to be a blessing to an area nursing home resident. You may make a monetary contribution and volunteers will purchase and deliver a gift in your name, you may purchase a gift and deliver it yourself when you visit an assigned patient, or you may purchase a red fleece blanket embroidered with "Presents for Patience" for \$25.00 each which will be delivered to patients. For more information on any of these options please call Bolger Health Care Facilities at 740-266-6118.



BIRTHDAYS

<u>December</u>		Adam Wickham	17
Heather Critser	1	Margaret Stewart	17
Nicole McKenzie	2	Olivia Chanoski	18
Rick Patterson	3	Sandee Huber	19
Donald Vandeborne	3	William Clark	22
John Rothacker	3	Leah Ferguson	22
Evelyn Bodor	4	Colton Giusto	23
Russell Grimm	4	Bob Oklok	25
Aubriana DiCarlo	4	Amanda Geisinger	25
Shannon Starr	7	Beverly Wyman	25
Thomas Cox	8	Judith Cooper	25
R.J. Stewart, Jr.	8	Vickey Makari	27
Denise Miller	10	Roberta France	29
Jeff Shimon	11		
Irwin Stukins	11	<u>February</u>	
Linda Stuller	12	Doug Freshwater	1
Joyce Palmer	13	Dave Daily	3
George Huber Jr.	17	Carol Daily	3
Betty Vujnovic	18	Gerald Palmer	3
Terri Throckmorton	18	Ruth Grunewald	4
Jerry Spencer	19	Cindy Sagrilla	4
Russell Wickham	20	John Minor	5
Joan Copeland	21	Susan Hammack	5
Jeanette Malesick	23	Nick Fletcher	7
Rodney Louk	23	Carla Lash	7
Jennifer Starr	24	Susan Albert	7
Bud Wickham	25		
John Parkinson	27		
Robert Stewart	27		
Sarah Wickham	28		
Leanne Pendleton	30		
Scott Binkiewicz	30		
Helen Bayne	30		
Devin Ferguson	30		
<u>January</u>			
CarolynLee Barrett	2		
Ann Zende	2		
David Turkaly	2		
Misty Brake	3		
Ruth Carson	5		
Janice Rainbolt	5		
George Allan	7		
Jeff Criss	7		
Marlene Almond	10		
Joshua Orwick	11		
Laura Daily	12		
Lori Kinney	13		
Ann Huff	13		
Bethanie Bube	14		
Sharon Patterson	15		
Mary Louise Morgan	16		

(It has been suggested to the CHIMES staff that the first week's birthdays and anniversaries of the following month be included so as to allow greetings to be sent in a timely manner.)



ANNIVERSARIES

<u>December</u>	
Howard and Judith Cooper	3
Conrad and Ruth Carson	9
Steven and Felicia Elliott	17
Donald and Dianna Vandeborne	23
Chris and Kelly Dopp	31
<u>January</u>	
Doug and Charlene Freshwater	6
<u>February</u>	
Bill and Eleanor Conroy	7

NEW MEMBERS

The Starkdale congregation welcomed Richard and Melanie Carver and William Vanzin as members during the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, October 31.

Congratulations and welcome to Starkdale!

BAPTISMS

Kody Grayle Carver, son of Richard and Melanie Carver received baptism on Sunday, October 31.

Beckett Andrew Dopp, son of Kelly (Bordash) and Christopher Dopp, and grandson of Mark and Cindy Bordash, great grandson of Shirley Hammack received baptism on Sunday, November 14.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Po and Carole Peterson on the birth of their granddaughter, Charly Grace on August 4, 2010 in Pittsburgh, PA. Jason and Julie are the proud parents!

IN SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to :

Wayne and Dorothy Hackathorne in the death of Wayne's cousin, Donald D. Frederick on October 19, 2010.

Rev. Dr. Philip Makari and Vickey in the death of Philip's father, Emmanuel Makari, who passed away on Tuesday, November 23rd in Canada.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Krisi Jo Kirlangitis and Cory Franklin Brockway were united in marriage on November 22, 2010. Krisi is the granddaughter of Ruth Carson.

STARKDALE CONGREGATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The congregation of Starkdale held a meeting on Sunday, November 7 following the 11:00 A.M. worship service. The following charts list the Starkdale Deacon and Elders for the classes of 2011, 2012, and 2013.

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2011	CLASS OF 2012	CLASS OF 2013
Janet Stukins (1 year term)	Suzanne Brown (2nd term)	Suzie Rousey (2nd term)
Steve Moore, Jr. (1st term)	Jason Baker (1st term)	David Turkaly (1st term)
Steve Orwick (1st term)	Helen Chociej (1st term)	Octavia Lover (1st term)
Bryan Vickers (1st term)	Darene Waszkiewicz (2nd term)	Laura Chanoski (2nd term)
Christine Bube (1 year term)	Marlene Rhueff (1st term)	Michael Saunders (1st term)

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2011	CLASS OF 2012	CLASS OF 2013
Sandy Conrad (1st term)	Dr. Thomas Brown (2nd term)	Audrey Kerr (2nd term)
Jody Glaub (2nd term)	Jeanne Cox (2nd term)	Bob Burns (1st term)
Donna Huff (2nd term)	Steve Elliott (1st term)	Bryan Felmet (1st term)
Lori Kinney (1st term)	Tom Timmons (1st term)	Jane Gambos (1st term)
Denise Miller (1st term)	John Parkinson (1st term)	Pat Pendleton (1st term)

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. " An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, to the next county, or to the next state.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. for all Ages Worship Services at 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. ALL WELCOME!! Fh=fellowship hall			1 6 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	2 8:30 p.m. AA	3	4 8:30 a.m. Christmas Caroling 9 a.m. Quilter's Inc.
5 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	6 6 p.m. Property 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Evening Prayer	7 10 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Dart Baseball	8 6 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	9 9:00 a.m. Soup Kitchen 8:30 p.m. AA	10	11
12 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Communion</i> Children's Christmas Program follows 11 a.m. worship service 6 p.m. Youth Group	13 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Evening Prayer	14 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 10 a.m. Bible Study Noon – SPW 6 p.m. Dart Baseball	15 6 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	16 8:30 p.m. AA	17	18
19 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 1 p.m. Carriage House Worship Service	20 6 p.m. Administration Commission meeting 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Evening Prayer	21 10 a.m. Bible Study NO DART BASEBALL 4 p.m. Party-Fh	22 6 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	23 8:30 p.m. AA	24 Christmas Eve 8:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Worship Service	25 Christmas Day
26 6 p.m. Youth Group 1:30 p.m. -Party-Fh	27 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Evening Prayer	28 10 a.m. Bible Study NO DART BASEBALL	29 6 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	30 8:30 p.m. AA	31 New Years Eve	

January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. for all Ages Worship Services at 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. ALL WELCOME!!						
2 Undecorating of the church after the second service.	3 6:00 p.m. Property Task Force Meeting 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer	4 10 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Dart Baseball	5 6 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	6 8:30 p.m. AA	7	8 9 a.m. Quilters InC.-th
9 Communion 6:00 p.m. Youth Sunday	10 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer	11 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 10 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Dart Baseball	12 6 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	13 9:00 a.m.. Soup Kitchen 8:30 p.m. AA 5:00 p.m. UOVP Evangelism Comm.mtg.	14	15 2 – 5 p.m. Scouts Workshop Fh
16 Congregational Meeting 1:00 Carriage House Worship Service	17 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> <i>Church office closed</i> 6:00 p.m. Administration Meeting 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer	18 10 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Dart Baseball Annual reports due from Commission Chairs CHIMES DEADLINE	19 6 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	20 6:00 p.m. Session/Deacons meetings 8:30 p.m. AA CHIMES EDIT	21	22
23 6:00 p.m. Youth Sunday	24 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer	25 10 a.m. Bible Study Noon-SPW 6 p.m. Dart Baseball	26 6 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	27 8:30 p.m. AA CHIMES FOLD	28	29
30 Scouts set up race track at 2 p.m.	31 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer					



CHRISTMAS HYMNOTES



GOOD KING WENCESLAS

Of all the ancient legends that surround Christmas, the tale about King Wenceslaus (later spelled Wenceslas) stands out. Though the carol was composed by noted songwriter and priest, John Mason Neale, the song is based less on a writer's inspiration than on historical fact. King Wenceslas was a real member of European royalty, a ruler who daily touched his subjects with Christian kindness and charity. For many in the Dark Ages, this king was the role model for Santa Claus. Today, over a thousand years after his death, King Wenceslas remains a role model for Christian people everywhere.

The son of Duke Borivoy of Bohemia, Wenceslas had the good fortune to be raised by his grandmother, Ludmilla. She was a devoted Christian woman who taught her grandson the meaning of faith, hope, and charity. Wenceslas took his grandmother's lessons to heart, and in 922 when Duke Borivoy was killed in battle, the youngster seemed ready to put what he had learned into action. At the tender age of fifteen, Wenceslas, just a few minutes older than his twin brother, Boleslaus, was made the leader of Bohemia.

As the young duke attempted to guide the troubled nation his mother, Drahomira, and his brother, Boleslaus, instituted a pagan revolt. They assassinated Ludmilla as she prayed, then attempted to overthrow Wenceslas. The teen took charge, put down the rebellion, and in an act of Christian kindness, expelled his mother and brother rather than executing them. The tiny nation was amazed that the boy would react with such great mercy.

With the wisdom of Solomon, the young duke set up a nation built on true justice and mercy. He enacted laws in the manner he thought would best serve his Lord. He even jour-

neyed out into the country seeking insight as to what his people needed. When possible, he shared everything from firewood to meat with his subjects. He took pity on the poor and urged those blessed with wealth to reach out to the less fortunate. In large part due to Wenceslas's example, a host of pagan peasants turned to Christianity. It was a revival unlike any had ever seen in the country.

When Wenceslas married and had a son, all of Bohemia celebrated. Peasants and powerful landlords sought the man out, offering their prayers for long life and happiness. With a smile on his face, the leader assured them that he was praying for their happiness as well. In the years that followed, the duke and his subjects continued to share both their prayers and their blessings with one another each day. Rarely had a leader been as universally revered as was Wenceslas.

And Wenceslas loved Christmas. Centuries before gift giving became a part of the holiday tradition, the young leader embraced the joy of sharing his bounty with others. Inspired by a sincere spirit of compassion, each Christmas Eve the duke sought out the most needy of his subjects and visited them. With his pages at his side, Wenceslas brought food, firewood, and clothing. After greeting all in the household, the duke would continue to the next stop. Though often faced with harsh weather conditions, Wenceslas never postponed his rounds. Like a tenth century Saint Nick, the kindly young man made the night before Christmas special for scores of families. For many a Christmas Eve visit from the duke was an answered prayer and a special reason to celebrate the birth of Jesus. In 929, when he was just

twenty-two years old, Wenceslas was on his way to church for his daily prayers. As he greeted his subjects and took time to ask about their health, the warm look on the man's face assured each of them that he cared deeply about their welfare. Smiling and shouting greetings, he continued to the chapel. Just before entering, he heard a familiar voice. Turning, he must have been surprised when his brother greeted him. As a confused look crossed the duke's face, Boleslaus's confederates ran up to Wenceslas and stabbed him. Falling to his knees on the church steps, the dying ruler looked up and whispered, "Brother, may God forgive you." Then he died.

It was a group of powerful pagan leaders who had supported Boleslaus's overthrow of Wenceslas. Amazingly, when the young man realized what he had done, the new duke turned away from his colleagues and embraced the faith that had guided his brother's life and rule. Though he had planned the revolt that had killed his twin, it was Boleslaus who sustained the legend of Wenceslas. Thanks to the man who killed his brother, the Crown of Wenceslas became the symbol of the Czech nation.

John Mason Neale (1818-1886) closely identified with Wenceslas in that he, too, reached out to saint and sinner alike. Though often rebuked by Christians, Neale constantly tried to reform prostitutes, thieves, and even murderers. Any man or woman who ventured into his path felt the Englishman's loving touch.

When not involved in his mission outreach, Neale spent a great deal

of time reviewing ancient Latin songs and text, often translating them into English for use in church services. One of the stories he came across was the biography of Wenceslas. Sensing that the duke would make a wonderful role model for children, Neale rewrote the old tale in verse form, making the duke a King, and matching his lyrics to a Latin melody, “Tempus adest floridum.” It now seems ironic that Neale’s Christmas carol would be sung to a tune that when translated meant “Spring has unwrapped her flowers.” Yet because Wenceslas brought his poorest subjects a breath of fresh air and warmth to the darkest winter days, perhaps Neale’s choice was no accident.

When published, “Good King Wenceslas” quickly became a holiday favorite in Europe. By the last part of the nineteenth century it was sung throughout the United States as well. This carol was largely responsible for making the legend of Wenceslas known throughout the world, as it touched upon the Bohemian saint’s examples of faith, hope, and charity. Suddenly the symbol of Czech independence became the crown jewel of Christian living.

One of the most telling facets of the duke’s legendary life can be found in the final verse of “Good King Wenceslas.” In the carol, the King reminds his page that when a person is alone, life is dark and bleak. But when a person reaches out to others—like Christ reached out to those in need—then that person never walks alone. Christ and those who have been touched by kindness are there to make each step of the journey easier and brighter. Just as the page’s walk was made easier by following in the King’s footsteps, so the King’s way was made easier by following the steps of Christ.

Wenceslas and Neale both held positions of importance. Either could have chosen to be served by others, yet each instead devoted their lives to service. Both understood the tenants of faith, hope, and charity and throughout their lives reached out to others with com-

passion and love. Now the carol “Good King Wenceslas” reminds the world that the spirit of Christmas giving didn’t begin with Santa Claus, nor should it end there. It can be alive in all who choose to give with love and live by faith.

John Neale is also well known for his writing of “Good Christian Men Rejoice” and his translating of “O Come, O Come Emanuel” based on the original “O Antiphons”.



Neale

John



Good

King Wenceslas and his page.



Good King Wenceslas looked out,
On the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about,
Deep and crisp and even;
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Tho’ the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
Gath’ring winter fuel.

Hither page, and stand by me,
If thou know’st it, telling.
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?
“Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain;
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes’ fountain.”

“Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,
Bring me pine logs hither:
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear then thither.”
Page and monarch, forth they went,
Forth they went together;
Thro’ the rude wind’s wild lament
And the bitter weather.

“Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer.”

“Mark my footsteps, good my page;
Tread thou in them boldly:
Thou shalt find the winter’s rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly.”

In his master’s steps he trod
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now ill bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.

FLOCK TALK



The Starkdale sheep have been pretty quiet lately. The CHIMES staff has not received any reports to print in Flock Talk. We know the Starkdale Congregation is active and vibrant! Please let us know what you are up to so we can share with you in your joys and accomplishments.

One item of note: A dish prepared by Peggy Reikai for a recent Hospitality Hour received rave reviews. Peggy has graciously shared it with us.

PUMPKIN NUT CAKE

1 box yellow cake mix

1 egg

1 stick oleo

1 large can pumpkin

3 eggs

1/2 c. brown sugar

2/3 c. milk

2 T. pumpkin pie spice

Topping:

1 cup yellow cake mix

1/2 c. sugar

1/4 c. soft oleo

1 c. chopped nuts

Mix together yellow cake mix, egg and oleo. Reserve 1 cup for making topping. Mold the rest into bottom of 9 x 13 inch greased pan.

Filling: Mix pumpkin, eggs, brown sugar, milk and pumpkin spice together. Pour over cake mix.

Topping: Mix 1 cup of reserved yellow cake mix, white sugar and oleo. Add chopped nuts. Sprinkle over top of cake. Bake at 350 for 50-60 minutes. Serve with whipped cream.

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. John 12:46

Think on This: The incredible gift—God gave us Himself!

CHURCH LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Starkdale Presbyterian Church Library Committee has been busy putting a lot of thought and effort into laying the framework for the library. Our committee consists of Rev. Makari, George Allan, Rich and Donna Baker, Ruth Carson, Jane Gambos, Jody Glaub, and Nancy Turkaly.



We wish to thank you for your written input from the survey recently conducted. The results of the survey revealed:

- # 1. Apologetics
- # 2. Tied: Evangelistics and Congregational Care
- #3. Family Life

We hope to create an educational facility that will support the on-going ministries of the congregation, including shut-ins, youth ministry, the elderly, college students and military personnel. Bible study materials, video tapes for children and adults, and a wide range of books including theology, Christian life and practice will be offered.

We are continuing with the selection process of books for the library with the mission statement in mind: Rooted in the word of God and sound doctrine, we strive to establish a library that reflects spiritual maturity in the hope that people would be led to a true knowledge and experience of Jesus Christ and grow in their faith and service.

We look forward to sharing our progress with you in the future. There are still quite a few books available in the present library. Please stop in and browse and take some books home with you.





“PENNIES FOR A PURPOSE”



Rick Patterson and Sharon Petrilla have been working tirelessly with the Starkdale Youth Group in this year’s “Pennies-For-A-Purpose” Campaign.

Each year the youth group holds various fund raisers and events. The proceeds from these events are used to provide food, toys, clothing and other holiday blessings for needy families.

The campaign this year was kicked off by a spaghetti dinner which was served after the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 14.

Sharon, Rick and all their little helper “elves” prepared and served the delicious meals which brought in a substantial amount of money to start this year’s funds.

Contributions are continually accepted until December 12th, after which time the youth team will go shopping and distribute the funds to provide a Merry Christmas for local families.

Thank you for your support of “Pennies-For-A-Purpose”



Many hands make light work! Thanks to all our helpers, both young in years and young at heart!



IN THE MAILBAG



Dear Starkdale Family,
Thank you so much for all the well-wishes, cards and copies of the Herald-Star Community Stars Awards articles. I also was impressed to see the ad by the corner of my article. Thanks also to all who came to the dinner to share in this honor.

In Christian Love,
CarolynLee Barrett

The Urban Mission Ministries would like to thank you, Starkdale Presbyterian Church, for your donation of \$1,000 on November 10, 2010. Your donations will be used for the Thanksgiving program of the Urban Mission.

In Christ,
Rev. O. Bruce Hitchcock
Executive Director



Thanks to everyone who donated items to the mitten tree in the church narthex. The tree was overflowing with your contributions.
THANK YOU!

A special thank you to all the "volunteer office help" at Starkdale. I (Rose Mary) would be hard pressed to get everything done if it weren't for you. The Hackathorne's who faithfully fold 200+ bulletins every week, Doris Wickham who is THE BEST proofreader in the Ohio Valley, all the Property Task Force members who come at any call, and Brianna Brake-my special little helper. I wish all of the Starkdale Family a Very Merry Christmas!
Rose Mary Grimm

SOUP KITCHEN REPORT

The Starkdale Soup Kitchen team worked together to provide 81 people with a delicious meal on November 11, 2010. The menu consisted of sliced and creamed turkey and peas on biscuits, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, and pumpkin pie. Preparation and serving crew included Ella Jane Burns, Andy Celestin, John Criss, Robbie France, Janet Haverfield, and Lillian Kestner.

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION REPORT

This year's Administration Commission included Bill Alexander, Bob Burns, Jody Glaub, Steve Orwick, John Parkinson, and Tom Timmons.

We meet every month and discuss stewardship, finance, personnel, building and grounds, statistics, church directory, office and church supplies, church policies, PA and recording system, and scrip program.

We are in the process of preparing the budget for 2011. It will be completed in December and presented to the congregation on January 16, 2011.

We have been discussing the possibility of hiring an associate pastor. This process is underway and it is likely that we will hire someone in 2011.

John Parkinson has volunteered to take pictures of the new members when they join through 2011. He will also get pictures of the 19 people who have joined in 2010. This way we will keep our directory up to date. If your photo is not in the directory please talk with John about a convenient date to have your picture taken.

Tom Timmons, Chair-Administration Commission

ATTENTION: Current Commission Chairpersons



Please submit your yearly reports to Rose Mary at your earliest convenience in 2011. We'd like to have all reports submitted and ready to compile into the annual report by January 18.

THE CREATION MUSEUM

(Petersburg, Kentucky) is a must-see.

Many have testified to the impact this event can have on people especially students who have been taught evolution. This summer, Joe and Peggy Reikai had the opportunity to celebrate their third wedding anniversary in Kentucky and have visited the museum. They, along with many others from our area who visited it more than once, wish to encourage as many people to go and see it. The Creation Museum has professionally and adequately portrayed the story of creation as recorded in the Bible. Peggy relates, "What a wonderful place! It is so professionally done." She added, "It would be so good for the children that are being taught the Big Bang theory to go and see it. They will leave there convinced of the falsehood that the earth is billions of years old."

Our church would be more than delighted to plan a bus trip, like we did before when we went to Lancaster, PA, if there is an interest. We encourage you to contact our church office manager, Rose Mary (264-5309) if you are interested. Jeannie Cox will then contact the AAA and give us the information on the dates available and the cost. What a great opportunity this would be for fellowship, biblical understanding, and fun for all of us!

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