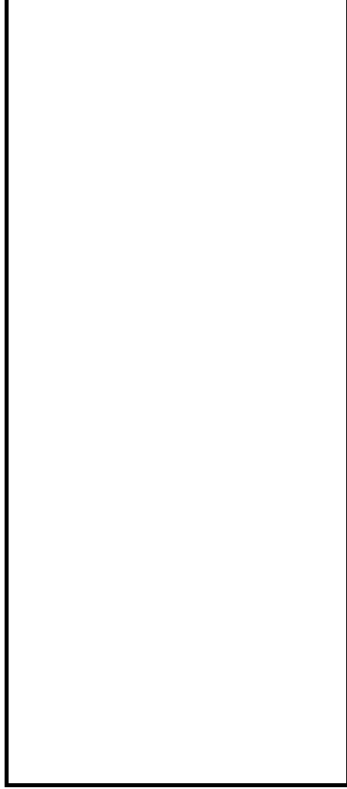




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MESSAGE FROM REV. G. CARL MOORE

*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
(Mat 16:18 ESV)*

As an under-shepherd, I love the church: big churches, little churches and everything in between. And Jesus promised that His church will withstand the gates of hell. But what is the church? As Gregg Allison in *Sojourners and Strangers* notes the church is:

...the people of God who have been saved through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ and have been incorporated into his body through baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Allison continues to make the distinction between the universal church and the local church. The universal church is all of the people of God saved in Christ, from Pentecost (the birth of the church) to the second coming of Christ when God brings judgment to earth, ultimately bringing heaven to earth in future glory. The universal church includes all of the people of God in the past, present, and future: saints who have died, who are living, and who are yet to be born, all of God's elect in Christ. St. Augustine noted that the universal church is mostly invisible; in other words, it's hard to put a finger on it.



Birthdays

- 1 Shirley Hammack
- 2 Robert J. Burns
- 10 Jane Gambos
- 16 Ryan Patterson
- 20 Virginia Smith
- 21 Amjad Alkaed
- 22 Brooks Beynon
- 24 Imogene Louk
- 25 Sarah Tegano
- 26 Patricia Daily
- 26 Eleanor Drazich
- 27 Debbie Grecco
- 27 Vernon McCamic
- 29 Abbey Pendleton
- 30 Brock Pendleton
- 31 Mary Beth Allan

Anniversaries

- 21 Ron and Suzie Rousey
- 21 Ted and Janice Whitaker
- 22 Ed and Laura Chanoski
- 26 Robert and Linda Daily





Birthdays

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| 1 Douglas Freshwater | 15 Steve Orwick |
| 3 Carol Daily | 18 Charlene Petrozzi |
| 3 David Daily | 18 Inez Zajdowicz |
| 3 Gerald Palmer | 19 Harry Bucy |
| 4 Cindy Sagrilla | 21 Donna Parkinson |
| 5 Rev. G. Carl Moore | 21 Marlene Rheuff |
| 7 Carla Hawkins | 22 Donna Baker |
| 8 Wade Gambos | 23 Ron Rousey |
| 9 David Good | 24 Susie Dinger |
| 11 LeDawn Kosek | 24 Ralph Freshwater |
| 12 Helen Chociey | 24 Hunter Paris |
| 12 Peggy Rekai | 28 Thomas Peterson |
| 13 Patty Thumm | |

Anniversaries

- 13 Mason and Alexis Gambos
- 13 John & Donna Parkinson



The local church is mostly visible, though there are invisible characteristics to it. One invisible characteristic is people's hearts, their motives. Just because a person professes outward faith in Christ does not mean that that person is a true child of God, adopted into the family of God. Jesus taught that the church is made up of false (tares) and true (wheat) believers, making it difficult to tell the difference at times. However, a local congregation does have two visible marks, characteristics which tell us if it's true or false. In the Reformed tradition, the marks of a true church are if the Word of God is purely preached, and the second is if the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are administered correctly. So, for example, if a pastor from the pulpit continually preaches that Jesus was just a good man, not the divine Son of God, then such a church is a false church. If a believer finds him or herself in a false church, then she or he must leave.

Jesus said that, "I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." What He means is that His church will survive, even death and dying, i.e., tribulation and termination. That means the universal church will survive; the church will not be snuffed out!! However, local churches do die. For example, the local church which St. Paul addressed in Corinth is no longer around. Local churches close down all the time. Why? Well churches can get sick just like people get sick. Also,

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like people many times a church can be deathly sick, but look well and vibrant on the outside. Just as there are marks of a true, local church; likewise, there are marks of a healthy church.

So, what are the marks of a healthy church? Mark Dever insightfully notes “9 Marks” of a healthy church. These marks are: expository preaching, biblical theology, a biblical understanding of the gospel, a biblical understanding of conversion, a biblical understanding of evangelism, a biblical understanding of church membership, a biblical understanding of church discipline, a biblical understanding of church discipleship and growth, and a biblical understanding of church leadership.

Over the next few months I’ll be discussing some of these distinct marks of a healthy local church. Along with this, I will continue my expository sermon series through the Seven Churches of Revelation which is our Lord’s diagnosis of a healthy church vs. an unhealthy church. My hope is that we as a church will continue to grow as our Lord continues to build us up, so that we can continue to withstand the gates of hell!

Soli Deo Gloria

Pastor Carl



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



6TH ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY
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DIRECTED BY MARY BETH ALLAN
DECEMBER 11, 2016



PICKIN'S FROM THE PURITANS

“The first link between my soul and Christ is, not my goodness, but my **badness**; not my merit, but my **misery**; not my standing, but my **falling**; not my riches, but my **need**. He comes to visit His people, yet not to admire their beauties, but to **remove their deformities**; not to reward their virtues, but to **forgive their sins.**”

- C. H. Spurgeon

THERE IS NO GOD?

Condensed from Miami Herald, Jim Bishop

Jim Bishop, popular author of 21 books, including "The Day Christ Died" and "The Day Kennedy was Shot" died in 1987. This column, written in the 1960s, was a favorite of his wife, Kelly.

There is no GOD. All of the wonders around us are accidental. No almighty hand made a thousand-billion stars. They made themselves. No power keeps them on their steady course. The earth spins itself to keep the oceans from falling off toward the sun. Infants teach themselves to cry when they are hungry or hurt. A small flower invented itself so that we could extract digitalis for sick hearts.

The earth gave itself day and night, tilted itself so that we get seasons. Without the magnetic poles man would be unable to navigate the trackless oceans of water and air, but they just grew there.

How about the sugar thermostat in the pancreas? It maintains a level of sugar in the blood sufficient for energy. Without it, all of us would fall into a coma and die.

Why does snow sit on mountaintops waiting for the warm spring sun to heat it at just the right time for the young crops in farms below to drink. A very lovely accident.

The human heart will beat for 70 or 80 years without faltering. How does it get sufficient rest between beats? A kidney will filter poison from the blood, and leave good things alone. How does it know one from the other?

Who gave the human tongue flexibility to form words, and a brain to understand them, but denied it to all other animals?

Who showed a womb how to take the love of two persons and keep splitting a tiny ovum until, in time, a baby would have the proper number of fingers, eyes and ears and hair in the right places, and come into the world when it is strong enough to sustain life. There is no God?

Submitted By: Betty Vujnovic

The Bulletin Board

THE 2017 HOSPITALITY CHART is up in the fellowship hall. We are in need of weekly hosts and hostesses to sign up in order to fulfill this important part of our lives together as a church family. It's easy, and the cost is covered by the church. Please see Mike Paris or Bob Archer if you have any questions or would like more information.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHEONS. Please join us for the Lenten soup luncheons during fellowship hour each Sunday beginning Sunday, March 5th through April 2nd.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. Bible school will be held June 5th through 9th. Please mark your calendars and be sure to save the date for an exciting adventure!!!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MARCH MEETING will be held March 28th. Fellowship begins at 11:30 am and lunch at 12:00 pm, followed by a Bible study and short business meeting. Hostesses are DeDe Foley, Janet Stukins, Helen Unsold, and Birney Wells.



SNOW HELP WANTED

Do you have the heart of a volunteer and desire to help out at Starkdale? Sign up for snow removal duties! We need to ensure the walkways are clear prior to 8am Sunday mornings. We kindly request volunteers remove snow, and salt the walkways before the congregation arrives on Sundays, January through March. Please sign up for one day, or as many days as you like. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please see Bob Burns or Mike Paris.

**DART BASEBALL
TUESDAY'S AT 6:00 PM**

**REV. CARL MOORE
HITS FIRST HOMERUN!!!**

Rev. Moore and Rhonda have both hit their first Homerun. They have been benched for over-performing!!!!

Come and join us beginning with prayer, a covered dish dinner - then it's "let's play ball!"



This beautiful photo was provided by Wayne Hackathorne.

**OUTREACH OPERATION HOMEFRONT
PROJECT**



**REPRESENTATIVES OF URBAN MISSION WITH
JANE GAMBOS, WAYNE HACKATHORNE, AND
REV. CARL MOORE**

The Outreach Committee distributed Christmas toys to The Urban Mission, The Salvation Army, and Wintersville Good Neighbors. The toys were donated by the local Dollar Tree Store through Operation Homefront.



**THE CHIMES STAFF
WOULD LIKE TO THANK
YOU FOR SENDING IN
YOUR PHOTOS AND ARTICLES. IT IS
GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!**



SOUP KITCHEN

On December 8th, a hot lunch of chicken, baked beans, potato chips, and cake was served to 65 people by volunteers: Ella Jane Burns, Rev. Carl Moore, Rhonda Moore, and Irwin Stukins. On January 12th, 70 people were served a lunch of chili, Italian bread, and cakes from Two Ridges Church. Servers were Ella Jane Burns, Jo Copeland, Pastor Carl and Rhonda Moore, and Stu





The Men's Prayer Breakfast is returning! They will meet once a month on the third Saturday, from 7:30-9:00 A.M. The first breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 18th, in fellowship hall. We look forward to the return of this meaningful ministry of fellowship and prayer. John Calvin Institutes Bible Study meets at 9:00 A.M. following the breakfast.

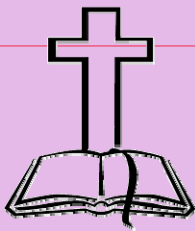


WITH SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Dave and Nancy Turkaly, in the death of Nancy's brother, Paul Malinowski, on December 3, 2016.

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	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bible Study Choir Practice	2	3	4 9 am Quilters InC (Fh) 
Bible Study Choir Practice	9 9 am Soup Kitchen 6 pm Session Mtg	10	11 7:00 pm Kiwanis Trivia Steubenville High School
Bible Study Choir Practice	16	17  St. Patricks Day	18 7:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am Bible Study John Calvin Institutes
Bible Study Choir Practice	23 CHIMES MAIL	24	25
Bible Study Choir Practice	30	31	



March

	Mon	Tue	Wed
			1 6 pm B 7:15p C
5 First Sunday of Lent Lenten Soup Lunch	6 6 pm Property Mtg. 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7pm Worship Mtg. 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	7 10 am Bible Study 10 am Christian Ed Mtg. 6 pm Dart Baseball	8 6 pm B 7:15p C
12 Second Sunday of Lent COMMUNION Lenten Soup Lunch	13 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 Admin. Mtg. 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	14 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	15 6 pm B 7:15p C
19 Third Sunday of Lent 1:15 pm Carriage House Lenten Soup Lunch	20 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	21 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	22 6 pm B 7:15p C
26 Fourth Sunday of Lent Lenten Soup Lunch	27 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Outreach Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	28 10 am Bible Study 11:30 am Presbyterian Women - Lunch/Mtg. 6 pm Dart Baseball	29 6 pm B 7:15p C

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Talk



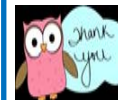
It's A Boy!

Tom and Anna Ault announce the birth of their son, William Wayne Ault on November 29, 2016.

9 lbs. and 21 inches



So happy that DeDe Foley is feeling much better. Her beautiful kittens are keeping her cheered up!



To my Starkdale Church Family,



I would like to thank all of you for the prayers, cards, texts, phone calls, flowers, food, and everything that has been done for both of us during Vernon's testing, surgery, and healing. His cancer surgery was a success and he is cancer free. Thanks to our God for the strength He has given us. We would not have gotten through this without him and our church family. Also to Tom Bullard for his many calls and prayers. Also want to thank Carl for his visits to the house.

You are all very much appreciated!

Carolyn & Vernon McCamic



February 2017

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2  Groundhog Day	3	4 9am Quilters InC (Fh) 
5 Fifth Sunday after the Ephiphany	6 6:00 pm Property Mtg. 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Worship	7 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	8 6 pm Bible Study 7:15p Choir Practice	9 9am Soup Kitchen 6:30 pm Session Mtg.	10	11
12 COMMUNION Sixth Sunday after the Ephiphany	13 6:30 pm Administration Mtg. 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	14 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	15 6 pm Bible Study 7:15p Choir Practice Presidents Day	16	17	18 7:30 am – 9:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Bible Study John Calvin Institutes
19 1:15 pm Carriage House Seventh Sunday after the Ephiphany	20 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	21 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball VALENTINES DAY	22 6 pm Bible Study 7:15p Choir Practice Washington's Birthday	23	24	25
26 Last Sunday after the Ephiphany Transfiguration Sunday	27 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	28 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball				