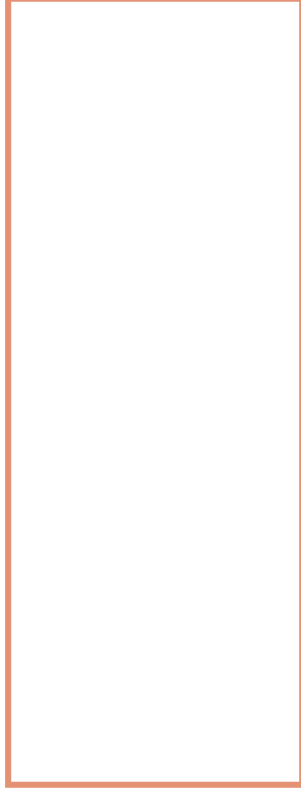




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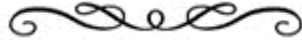
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*Thanks be to God for his
Inexpressible gift!*

2 Corinthians 9:15

FROM THE SESSION



The Interim Pastoral Search Committee and the Pastoral Search Committee have been working diligently in regard to their respective responsibilities and duties during our current interim process.

We are receiving some applications (Pastor Information Forms) for the posted interim position, and the ISC is in the process of reviewing those applications to set up interviews with candidates.

The PSC has completed the Church Information Form and it is in the process of being posted on the EPC website. Once we begin to receive Pastor Information Forms, we will begin the interviewing process. The committee is preparing interview questions and reviewing the interview process and techniques.

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.



November Leadership Duties

Ruling Elders on Duty Outreach Committee

George Allan
Jane Gambos

Deacons on Duty

Bob Daily
Michael Paris
Charlene Petrozzi

Nursery Assistants

1 Lisa Busby
8 Lynn Mikesell
15 Ruth Carson
22 Mary Louise Morgan

POA MINISTRY EFFECTIVENESS MEETING

On Saturday, November 14th, the Presbytery will gather at Bethany EPC in Mercer, PA from 9AM to 4PM for a Ministry Effectiveness meeting. This is not a stated meeting and no business will be conducted. **All Teaching and Ruling Elders are encouraged to attend as well as church staff and lay leaders.** This meeting will be an opportunity to learn more about effective leadership development, best practices regarding small group ministry, specific ways to be more effective in outreach, hear what's actually happening with ministry networking, and learn what initiatives are developing at GA to help presbyteries and churches be more effective. This day will be interactive; a time to learn from and about each other. And of course, we will worship and enjoy a meal together. This is an opportunity that is not always available at our stated meetings. Visit www.epcalleghenies.org for more information and registration.



Christ the King Sunday and Advent

Christ the King Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of Ordinary time (last Sunday after Pentecost), before the beginning of Advent that starts the new Church Year.

As the last Sunday of the Christian Church Year, Christ the King Sunday is the climax and conclusion of the Church's liturgical journey through the life of Christ and the Gospel message. Its purpose is to celebrate the coming reign of Christ as King of the earth and his completion of the renewed creation that marks the fullness of the Kingdom of God. That hope is born from the entire life of Christ and his teachings that have been celebrated in the seasons of the Church Year during the past twelve months.

In celebrating the Reign of Christ the King, this Sunday also provides an appropriate bridge to the new Church Year that begins the following Sunday on the first Sunday of Advent with an emphasis on hope and expectation, the longing for the coming of the Kingdom of God amid the darkness of a sinful world.

The Church Year begins with Advent, a word that means "coming." We pace this season of four Sundays, hearing again the silence of the prophets, experiencing the breathless waiting of the Israelites hoping for a Messiah.

We sing the song "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" with longing, not because we seek a Messiah yet to come to the world, but because the Christ has come and we long for him to come to us again.

The quiet pace of Advent is in direct contrast to the bustling commercialism of the secular holidays. And so we begin our new year in Advent, reminding ourselves that in the midst of the worldliness of our lives, we need to renew our relationship to this King who has come and is coming again.

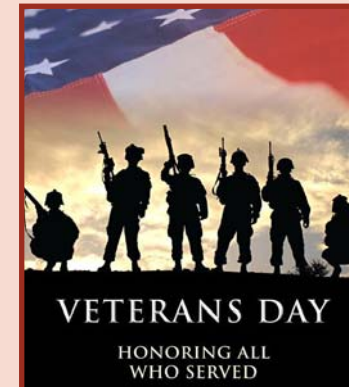
Christ the King Sunday and Advent help worshipers to remember that the event of Christmas is about much more than a baby in a manger—it's about a sovereign Christ!

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During this Thanksgiving season, the Starkdale Session and congregation would like to say how grateful we are to have been blessed with Rev. Paul Danielson as our Stated Supply Pastor. He and his wife, Heather, have truly been a God-send. His sermons have helped keep us focused on what really matters—abiding in God's Word and

Thank you to everyone who returned the Member Profile Form. Since pastors are called to diverse areas and demographics of ministry (urban, inner city, rural, youth, middle age, seniors, or combinations, etc.), these statistics will help in calling the right pastor for our congregation and in choosing church ministries.

Thank you to all of our Veterans!
We appreciate your service and sacrifice for the protection of our families, country, and freedom.



VISION

THE ENVISIONING meetings went well. Thank you for your overwhelming support, thoughts, and input into the vision of our church's vitality in mission and ministries.

We collected an abundance of valuable information which Session will use to evaluate what we do well and what needs improvement. Most importantly, we will make sure that everything we say and do at Starkdale, or while representing Starkdale in the community, is for the glory of God.

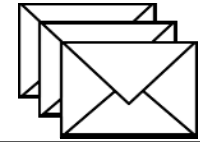
Proverbs 29:18

**Where there is no vision,
the people are unrestrained,
But happy is he who keeps the law.**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE IN
PRAYER FOR GOD'S LEADING IN
THE VISION FOR OUR CHURCH.**

Please keep the Session, Pastoral Search Committee, and Interim Search Committee in your prayers everyday throughout this time.

IN THE MAIL



The family of Mary Coleman wants to thank everyone for their kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to us at the visitation and funeral. Special thanks to the women for the luncheon they prepared and served. Thank you to Philip and Vickey Makari and Tom Bullard for conducting the service. Thank you also to Steve, who was a little shocked, I think, when asked to play "When the Saints Go Marching In," but he did so beautifully. Thank you to Jane for doing the program.

Also, thank you for the visits and cards sent to Mother while she was at Wyngate Senior Living this past year.

To everyone who helped our sons and daughters-in-law to surprise Tony and me, it was a big surprise and everything was wonderful. Tony and I want to thank the people who work everyday to make Starkdale the wonderful church that it has come to be! We don't want to mention names because we might forget someone. We don't want to hurt anyone, but the people know who you are. You will all have a crown in heaven. Thanks again. Our love to all!

Tony and Jeanne Morelli

P.S. Thanks to Philip and Vickey, our former pastor.

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO :

Carol Oklok and her extended family, in the death of her husband, Bob Oklok, on October 1st.

Joyce and Jerry Palmer, Mary Ann Coleman, and their extended family in the death of their mother, Mary Coleman on October 2nd.

David and Nancy Turkaly, and their extended family, in the death of David's brother, Thomas Turkaly, on October 11th.

Etta Mae Pyle, and her extended family, in the death of her husband, Wesley Pyle, on October 13th.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

2 A.M. Sunday, November 1st.

Don't forget to :



**TURN YOUR
CLOCKS
BACK!**

**REV. DR. MAKARI ELECTED
PASTOR EMERITUS**

On October 25th, the Starkdale congregation was moved by affection and gratitude to continue an association in an honorary relationship with our recently retired pastor. The congregation voted unanimously to elect Rev. Dr. Philip Makari as Pastor Emeritus.

The title, Pastor Emeritus, is the highest honor given to a pastor, and that is what the Session and congregation intended for our beloved pastor of ten years. The title may be seen as an expression of 1 Timothy 5:17, "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching."

Emeritus comes from the Latin word *emereri*, which means to earn one's discharge by service. It is an honorary title bestowed upon one who has retired from a position (pastor, professor, or other professional) and implies no official duty or responsibility.

Conferring the status of Pastor Emeritus upon our retiring pastor is a way for our congregation to say, "Reverend Makari, we hold you in a special place in our hearts, and you will always be a pastor in our congregation."

The authority to give this honorary title to Rev. Makari was unanimously approved and placed in effect by the Presbytery of the Alleghenies of the EPC.

Rev. Dr. Philip Makari is the first Pastor Emeritus in Starkdale's history. An induction service will take place at a date and time TBD. Stay tuned to the weekly announcements for details.



Nov. 1 All Hallows Eve Party! Pumpkin Bowling, Piñatas, Bobbing for Apples, costume contest, free pizza & candy. There will be a discussion about what the Bible has to say about the dark side (evil/demons) and God’s victory over evil! Costume is optional. 6-7 P.M.

Nov. 8 The Valley’s Got Talent Competition! Similar to *American Idol* and *The Voice*. Come cheer on our Allegheny Angels. Brian Johnson of *The Voice* will be a celebrity guest judge! Big Red High School auditorium. 6-8 P.M.

Nov. 14 Chris Tomlin Concert—Consol Energy Center in Pittsburgh. \$15 per ticket. We will leave the church parking lot at 5:30 P.M. and return at 10:30 P.M. Concert starts at 7 P.M.

Nov. 15 God & Science Night-What does the Bible say about science? Where did the world come from? What about evolution? Come out to hear about this topic in today’s skeptical world. 6-7:15 P.M.



Allegheny Angels members, Courtnie Bube, Olivia Chanoski, and Gabrielle Peterson with Elisha Fletcher, at the “Sing for Pink” benefit concert at the Fort Steuben Mall

November Birthdays

- 1 Melissa Williams
- 2 Mary Lois Eft
- 3 Karen Orwick
- 4 Steve Moore, Jr.
- 9 Scott Murison
- 10 Fred Huff, Jr.
- 11 Miranda Parkinson
- 11 Jacalynn Zrinyi
- 20 Lisa Busby
- 24 Jennifer Starr
- 26 Nancy Turkaly
- 28 Gary Wickham
- 30 Karen Jarrett



November Anniversaries

- 7 Thomas & Jeanne Cox
- 8 Keith & Lori Kinney
- 14 Santo & Tammy Barilla
- 18 Bob & Jane Neal
- 25 Fred & Imogene Louk
- 30 Steve & Karen Orwick



FLOCK TALK



New Addi-
Petrozzi



tion to the
Family

This is **Lou and Charlene Petrozzi's** newest and 8th grand child. **Cora Decker** weighed in at 8 lbs. 11oz., 20 inches long. Her mom is Lou and Charlene's oldest daughter, **Renee Petrozzi Decker**, the wife of **Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Decker**. Cora has a big sister **Lillian**, and a big brother **Kolton James**.

Dear Starkdale Congregation,

If you have any news about a sheep in our flock that you would like to share, please submit it to the church office by November 12th to be included in the December/January issue of the CHIMES newsletter.

SONSHINE BIBLE CLUB



We had 126 children at the Sunshine Bible Club on October 12th! We really could use some volunteers to help. Please pray about it and know that even if you can give just an hour or a half hour that would be helpful. The Sunshine Club meets from 2:30 - 4 P.M. at First Westminster Presbyterian Church on 4th Street every Monday that school is in session. It is a wonderful opportunity to touch the hearts of the children of this city!

Blessings,
Pastor Bobbyjon Bauman

Prayer for Sunshine Bible Club Kids

If you would like to be a part of praying for the after school Sunshine Bible Club children and staff, I will be sending, by e-mail, a weekly list of children and staff to pray for. I also include the lesson and Scriptures so you can see what they are studying. This is an exciting ministry, and this is a way you can be a part of it. Please e-mail me at dianebo38@gmail.com and become a prayer warrior for these children.

SOUP KITCHEN REPORT

Soup kitchen volunteers, Ella Jane Burns, John Criss, Joan Copeland, and Stu Stukins served a delicious meal of ham, scalloped potatoes, and green beans to 70 people on October 8th. In addition to the meal, Two Ridges Presbyterian Church provided cake for dessert.

SAVE THE DATE

LIVE NATIVITY

DECEMBER 13th

5:00/5:30/6:00/6:30/7:00/7:30 P.M.

It's not too early to start spreading the word and inviting people!

Also, it is not too early to: "Start your ovens, Ladies!" We are once again asking for your donations of delicious homemade cookies for the fellowship part of the nativity. If you would like to contribute cookies, please sign the cookie sheet in the narthex or hallway. Please mark "Live Nativity" on the container and place it in the church freezer downstairs. We can accept cookies until the morning of the Live Nativity.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

November 22, 2015

4 P.M.

Word of Life

someone had stolen his and left the old secondhand one in its place. He remained back of the curtain a moment, then came out before his audience and said: "Ladies and Gentlemen: I will show you that the music is not in the instrument, but in the soul." And he played as he had never played before; and out of that secondhand instrument, the music poured forth until the audience was enraptured with enthusiasm and the applause almost lifted the ceiling of the building. Because the man had revealed to them that music was not in the machine but in his own soul. It is your mission, a tested and tried one, to walk out on the stage of this world and reveal to all earth and heaven that the music of life is not in conditions, not in the things, not in externals, but the music of life is in your soul.

"If peace be in the heart,

The wildest winter storm is full of solemn beauty,

The midnight flash but shows the path of duty,

Each living creature tells some new and joyous story,

The very trees and stones all catch a ray of glory,

If peace be in the heart."

Charles Francis Richardson.

THE MUSIC OF LIFE

John 16:33 *I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

I am sharing the following message from *Streams in the Desert* by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman. In these times when peace is hard to find, I thought it might be encouraging:

There is a vast difference between happiness and blessedness. Paul had imprisonments and pains, sacrifice and suffering up to the very limit; but in the midst of it all, he was blessed. All the beatitudes came into his heart and life in the midst of those very conditions.

Paganini, the great violinist, came out before his audience one day and made the discovery just as they ended their applause that there was something wrong with his violin. He looked at it a second and realized that it was not his famous and valuable one.

He felt paralyzed for a moment, then turned to his audience and told them there had been some mistake and he did not have his own violin. He stepped back behind the curtain thinking that it was still where he had left it, but discovered that

NO CHARGE

A little boy went up to his mother and he handed her a piece of paper that he had been writing on. This is what it said:

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| For Cutting the grass | \$5.00 |
| For cleaning my room this week | \$1.00 |
| For going to the store for you | \$0.50 |
| Baby-sitting my kid brother while you went shopping | \$0.25 |
| Taking out the garbage | \$1.00 |
| For getting a good report card | \$5.00 |
| For cleaning up & raking the yard | <u>\$2.00</u> |
| Total Owed: | \$14.75 |

Well, his mother looked at him standing there expectantly, and you could see the memories flashing through her mind. So she picked up the pen, turned over the paper he'd written on, and this is what she wrote:

- For the nine months I carried you while you were growing inside me, no charge.
- For all the nights that I've sat up with you, doctored and prayed for you, no charge.
- For all the trying times, and all the tears that you've caused through the years, there's no charge.
- When you add it all up, the cost of my love is no charge.
- For all the nights that were filled with dread, and for the worries I knew were ahead, no charge.
- For the toys, food, clothes, and even wiping your nose, there's no charge, Son.
- And when you add it all up, the full cost of real love is no charge.

When he finished reading what his mother had written, there were great big tears in his eyes, and he looked straight up at his mother and said, "Mom, I sure do love you." And then he took the pen and in great big letters he wrote: "ALREADY PAID."

(original by M. Adams, modified here)

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| <p>8 8:30 & 11 am Worship 9:30 am SS Communion 6 pm SYM 24th Sunday in Pentecost</p> | <p>9 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Administration Mtg. 7:15 pm Boy Scouts</p> | <p>10 10 am Bible Study (Upstairs) 10:30 am JCRTA Luncheon 6 pm Dart Baseball</p> | <p>11 Office Closed 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm PSC Mtg. 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal ★Veterans Day★</p> | <p>12 9 am Soup Kitchen 6 pm Joint Session/ Deacon Meeting</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14 9am-4pm POA- Ministry Effectiveness Mtg. Mercer, PA Fh Rented 5:30 pm SYM-Concert</p> |
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