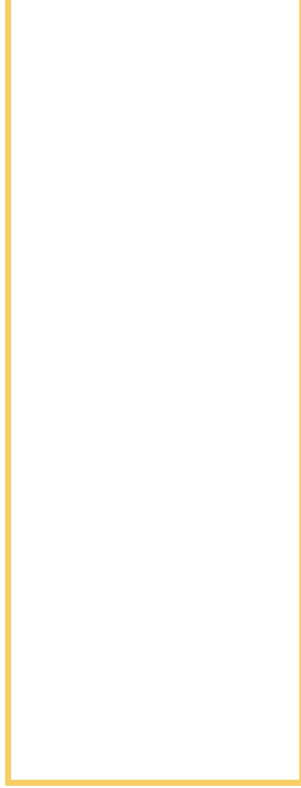




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THE CHIMES

Starkdale Evangelical Presbyterian Church
September 2015 Newsletter



**“By day the LORD directs his love,
at night his song is with me— a
prayer to the God of my life.”
Psalm 42:8**

Dear Starkdale Family of Faith,
Glowing with the light of the Word,
genuine in your faith in the Lord,
gracious in your dealings with others,
and generous in your giving of yourselves and of
God's blessings to you, these are only a few of the
obvious characteristics that I have seen in you and
experienced about you since I became the pastor of
Starkdale on May 1, 2005.

On Sunday, August 9, 2015, the day you
extravagantly provided for my retirement celebration
at St. Florian hall, was a day on which all those
amazing characteristics of you reached their highest
point. I still keep reminiscing over what took place
during the course of that evening. Surrounded by my
spiritual brothers and sisters, members of our
biological families (Vickey's and mine), out-of-town
friends, community people, Presbytery
representatives, and the Valley's Ministerial
Network, made the evening pleasantly very special. I
can assuredly say that since I was born I had never
been in such company, or in such spotlight. The
GIFTS, the WORDS, the CARDS, the HUGS, the
SMILES, and of course, the TEARS, will continue to
be to Vickey and me a river of flowing memories of
pure love.

Starkdale, I cannot thank you enough for who you
are, for what you have done in the way of service in
the Kingdom of God, for impacting our lives

September Leadership Duties

Elders on Duty

Dr. Tom Brown
Jeanne Cox
Carolyn Glaub
Janice Whitaker

Deacons on Duty

Laura Chanoski
Pat Daily
Kelly Dopp
Charlene Petrozzi
Diane Smith
Andrew Stewart

Pastors

Rev. Paul Danielson- Stated Supply Pastor

Rev. Bobbyjon Bauman - Associate Pastor of
Youth & Young Families

Rev. Tom Bullard- Visitation Pastor

SEPTEMBER NURSERY ASSISTANTS

6 Ella Jane Burns
13 Lynn Mikesell
20 David/Andrew Kinney
27 Pat Daily

DART BASEBALL

It's time to start practicing those dart throws!
Dart Baseball resumes September 8th at 6 P.M.

Bring a covered dish and join us for a pot-luck dinner, fellowship, and of course, the game!
Players compete on teams. All ages are welcome.

The fun and games translate into donations to local charities each year.



Our Sympathy is extended to Shirley and Bill McNeil and their extended family in the death of Shirley's sister, Dorsey McNeil, on August 15, 2015.

(Vickey's and mine) beyond the expressions of words, for adopting us into your families, and for inspiring us to continue on seeking opportunities to serve in accordance to God's will and for his glory.

Some of you have asked what was next for Vickey and me. The answer is that we don't know yet. I am in conversations with members of the Presbytery's Ministerial Committee, hospice, the hospitals, and local churches. As with everything else, this matter requires patience, discernment and prayers. The Lord will show us in due time what is suitable for us.

- Will we be able to visit with you from time to time? Of course; we intend to be part of most if not all of your main events, yet at worship occasionally.
- If it is the Lord's will that I have a local ministry (Bible study, a part time work in a church, or something else), could you participate? Certainly, but you may not if the intention is to leave Starkdale.
- Is it possible that I be invited to conduct weddings, funerals, and worship at Starkdale again? I would be honored, provided that the invitation comes from the session.

- Do we (Vickey and I) intend to make Steubenville our home? That is the plan unless job opportunities and unforeseen circumstances lead us somewhere else. We love Steubenville because Steubenville first loved us. Besides, why leave a safe, convenient, spiritual and humble community to go somewhere else. For now, I am fortunate to be given the opportunity to lead the Starkdale Tuesday morning Bible studies and moderate the Starkdale session. My Tuesday commitment will come to an end when our study of the Book of Revelation is completed. Moderating the session will stop when the Presbytery appoints a new moderator or when a new pastor has been called.

My last word: Please keep fanning the flame of faith, and may God grant you the love with which you have blessed Vickey and me through the last ten years.

Philip Makari



September Anniversaries

- 4 Jan & Valorie Weaver
- 5 William & Helen Reed
- 6 James & Cathy Lipinski
- 6 Vernon & Carolyn McCamic
- 6 Tony & Jeanne Morelli
- 11 William & Debra Wheeler
- 17 Clarence & Doris Wickham
- 26 David & Terri Throckmorton
- 30 Joe & Peggy Re kai



September Birthdays

- 1 Jacob Clevenger
- 5 Jeanne Cox
- 7 Sandra Conrad
- 8 Marjorie Bedortha
- 10 Kaitlyn Murray
- 13 Carl Hawkins
- 14 Lynn Mikesell
- 18 Rita Wickham
- 21 Jim Morgan
- 21 John Rhueff
- 23 Anamae Zamborsky
- 26 Leslie Aftanas
- 27 Betty Clark
- 27 Shirley McNeil
- 27 Carol Oklok
- 29 Amelia Ault
- 29 Rhonda Clevenger
- 30 Constance Freshour
- 30 Gabrielle Peterson

FLOCK

TALK



Cody and Brittany Mattern were blessed with a baby boy, **Keeland Arthur**, on August 4, 2015. The proud grandparents are: **Frank and Tammy Mattern** (paternal), **Jim and Julie Carman** (maternal). The great grandmothers are **Mary Carman** and **Esther Harris**. *CONGRATULATIONS!*



After two seasons of effectively playing defense on the Edison Wildcats' soccer team, **David Kinney** was moved to offense and scored three goals in a 5-1 win over the Oak Glen Golden Bears .

Way to go, David!



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 September 11th to be included in the October issue of the CHIMES newsletter.

FROM THE SESSION

The **Pastoral Search Committee (PSC)** has been working diligently on our Church Information Form (CIF) which will be ready for submission following our member-wide envisioning meetings which must take place in order to move forward.

Look for more information on the envisioning planning in this month's Sunday bulletins. We are also in contact with our presbytery liaison, Rev. Dana Opp, who attends our meetings when possible.

The **Interim Search Committee (ISC)** has also been meeting regularly and is waiting to receive candidates from Presbytery to begin the interview process.

The Worship Committee will continue to provide Session and Presbytery approved Stated Supply until an interim or permanent pastor is secured.

Please continue to be in prayer with us.

For questions, please consult the Book of Order of the EPC, or you may contact the Ruling Elder representatives on the search committees.

Starkdale welcomes **Rev. & Mrs. Paul Danielson**. Rev. Danielson will fill the pulpit and administer the Sacraments as Stated Supply for the month of September. We look forward to worshipping with him and his wife, Heather. We appreciate their service to God and to our congregation.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



September 13th
Back to the Bible Sunday

COME AND JOIN
YOUR FRIENDS IN
SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Children's Classes:

Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Communicants Class 6th-12th Grade for:

1. Covenant youth who have been baptized as infants/young children and wish to become confirmed members
 2. Youth who wish to be baptized and become members
- Prepares students to make a viable profession of faith
 - Provides students with background about their spiritual heritage
 - Teaches students Reformed theology
 - Informs students of the requirements of church membership
 - Explains the Sacraments of Baptism & Communion (holy signs and seals of the covenant of grace)

~Will be combined with high school class~

Adults:

- ◆ EPC Reformed Theology Bible Class (Adult SS Room)
- ◆ Bible Class (Library)

Starkdale



Youth Ministry



Back to School Bash 8-18-15



CALL THE PRAYER CHAIN

THE POWER OF PRAYER IS ASTONISHING

Background of Starkdale Prayer Chain

About 1983, Doris Barnhouse and Frances Dornbush, armed with information from Presbytery's Women's Group, developed the Prayer Chain at Starkdale. The Chain is a telephone tree consisting of volunteer groups. Each volunteer prayer group has a captain and five members of Starkdale Women who pray for anyone in need of prayers. The chairperson and captains are listed below:

Chairperson: Dolores "DeDe" Foley 282-5074

(Please call the chairperson (DeDe), and she will call the pastor and the captains, then the prayer chain starts.)

Four Captains:

Helen Unsold	264-4295
Ella Jane Burns	264-0248
Birney Wells	264-2983
Doris Wickham	264-5988

Captain Substitute: Janet Stukins (304) 748-5663



**MANY PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED
RAISED TO OUR LORD WILL BRING HIS
HELP.**

STARKDALE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women in the congregation are invited to come and enjoy a time of fellowship and Bible study with our Starkdale Presbyterian Women (SPW). All gatherings start with lunch, followed by Bible study and a short meeting. If you are new to the church, this is a wonderful way to get to know your church family. We encourage all of you to come and share in this special time of Christian fellowship.

Gatherings are held the fourth Tuesday of September, October, March, April and May. Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas, gatherings for November will be held the third Tuesday and the Christmas gift exchange and luncheon will be the second Tuesday. Starting in September this year, a social time from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. was added with lunch being served at 11:30 a.m. instead of 12:00 noon. Please note the change of time for lunch.

If you aren't familiar with SPW, the main purpose of our organization is to create a climate for spiritual development and growth of all women in the congregation and to encourage and promote Christian fellowship.

We also work toward raising funds for local charities, helping with some of the cost of our youth who attend Elkhorn Valley Church Camp every summer, recognizing our graduates in June every year, sponsoring an over 80's luncheon for those "youngsters" who are 80 or over, and coordinating dining room activities, kitchen activities and publicity for the annual Starkdale Church Chicken Grill.

SPW Officers are: Co-moderators, Janet Stukins and Janice Whitaker; Secretary, Mary Beth Allan; Treasurer, Joyce Palmer; Assistant Treasurer, Ella Jane Burns and Mission Involvement, Helen Unsold.

Hope to see you in September.

2015 Annual Chicken Grill

**Saturday, September 19
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Adults \$11 – Children \$5

Menu

Half a grilled chicken
Baked Beans
Cole Slaw
Roll
Beverage
Apple Dumpling



Dine in or carry out

Phone in ahead beginning at 3:00 p.m. by calling 740-264-5309 for pickup after 4:00 p.m.

Proceeds to benefit local charities:

AIM Women's Center, A.L.I.V.E., Cancer Dietary Initiative, Charity Hospice, City Rescue, Salvation Army, Urban Mission, Valley Hospice, Wintersville Good Neighbors, and Olivia Ault.

CARE CORPS UP AND RUNNING!

For the past several years, Outreach has been discussing a new ministry, Care Corps. The idea of Care Corps was to minister to our own church family's needs- such as our shut-ins and our members who may have had surgery etc.

Enter Peggy Reikai. Peggy has such a heart for our shut-ins and began (on her own) to visit several. Peggy then decided that it was time for Care Corps to become a reality.

Enter Dianna Vandeborne. With Dianna's organizational skills (and big heart) and Peggy's heart for our shut-ins, Care Corps is up and running. (I like to refer to these two as the Dynamic Duo.)

Visits are continuing to several of our shut-ins, plus meals are being delivered to one family three times a week. Grocery shopping is being organized for another family. Cards and phone calls are being made on a regular basis to our friends who have found themselves housebound for one reason or the other. We hope to be able to offer rides to doctor's appointments, etc. in the near future.

We on the Outreach Committee are thrilled to have such a great ministry. But, we need your help. With the need growing, more hands are needed. This is a ministry that you can do as little, or as much as you want. Just let Peggy, Dianna, or Jane (Office Manager) know that you are interested in helping.

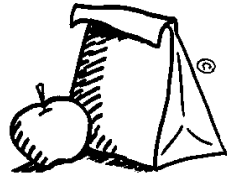
Also, if you know any of our church family in need of help, please let us know. If we don't know the need, we cannot help.

And most importantly, please pray for this new ministry. I can testify it has been a blessing in my life to help deliver meals. And, I have been on the other side as well. It was a blessing in my life when so many of you reached out to me when I was housebound. Believe me when I tell you, a card sent to let someone know you are thinking of them and praying for them is priceless.

I hope that many of you contact us to find out more about this ministry and how you can help.

Respectfully Submitted by: Cindy Sagrilla

OUTREACH



The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for the donations received for the Hope 68 ministry. Food bags you helped to provide will be given to every child at East and West Elementary Schools at the end of the day every Friday during the school year.

SOUP KITCHEN REPORT

On August 13th, 75 people were served a meal of pizza and salad by volunteers, Ella Jane Burns, John Criss, Joan Copeland, and Roberta France. In addition, cake for dessert was provided by Two Ridges Presbyterian Church.



The Lord's Supper



“I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” John 6:35.

We would like to recognize the family who has been faithfully preparing the Communion Bread for one of the most important Sacraments of God's Church, instituted by Christ, symbolizing His body broken for us for the forgiveness of sins.

We would like to thank the family that began this service to our worshiping community at Starkdale Church and whose family continues the practice to this day. The first Communion bread was made by **Mrs. Willis Porter (Jessie)**, continued by **Mrs. George Allan (Lucille)**, and at the present time this ministry is continued by **Mrs. Conrad Carson (Ruth)**. Our special thanks and appreciation to this family for the gracious service of providing the Bread for the Communion Table shared here at Starkdale.



September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10 am Bible Study	2 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm PSC Mtg. 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5 9 am Quilters InC
6 15th Sunday in Pentecost	7 Office Closed 7 pm Worship Mtg.  Labor Day	8 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	9 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm PSC Mtg. 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 9 am Soup Kitchen 6 pm Session/Deacon Mtg.	11 	12
13 Communion Sunday School Rally Day 16th Sunday in Pentecost	14 6:30 pm Property Mtg. 7 pm Administration Mtg.	15 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	16 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm PSC Mtg. 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19 4-7 pm Chicken Grill
20 1:15 pm Carriage House 17th Sunday in Pentecost	21	22 10 am Bible Study 11 am SPW 6 pm Dart Baseball	23 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm PSC Mtg. 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal First Day of Autumn	24 CHIMES MAIL	25 3-8:30 pm 17th Stated Mtg. of POA St. Paul's EPC Somerset, PA	26 8 am-12:30 pm 17th Stated Mtg. of POA St. Paul's EPC Somerset, PA
27 18th Sunday in Pentecost	28 6:30 pm Outreach Mtg.	29 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	30 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm PSC Mtg. 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	