



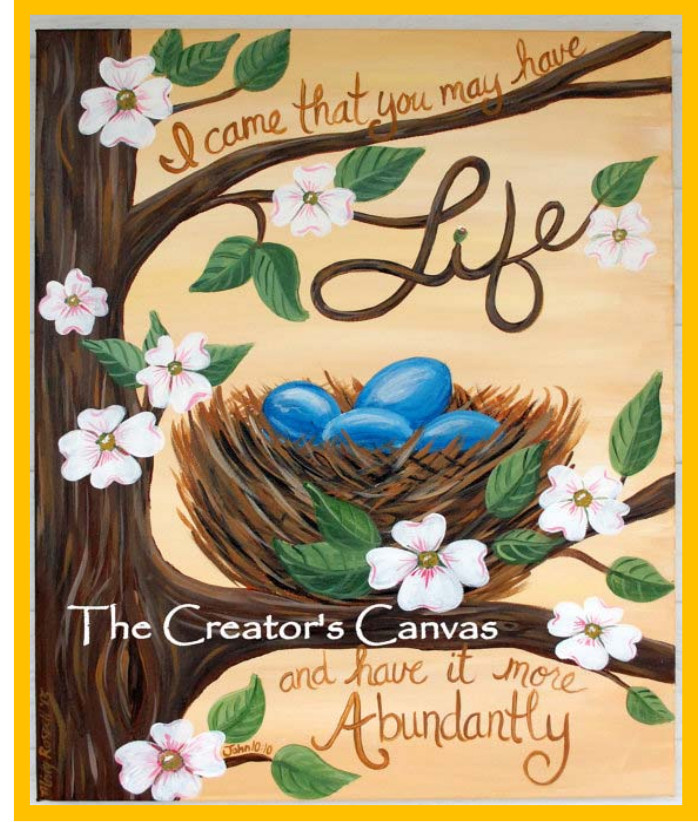
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# THE CHIMES



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## MESSAGE FROM REV. G. CARL MOORE

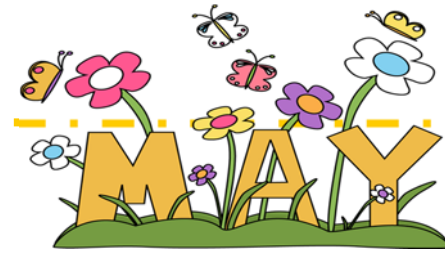
But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

I Corinthians 15: 12-14

Alister McGrath, a former atheist who has become a believer in Christ, a theologian and a scientist, tells the following story about the first time he awakened to the hope of Christ's resurrection:

[As a young man], I was a grumpy and frankly rather arrogant atheist. I was totally convinced that there was no God, and that anyone who thought there was needed to be locked up for her own good. I was majoring in the sciences at high school and had won a scholarship to study chemistry at Oxford University, beginning in October 1971. I had every reason to believe that studying the sciences further would confirm my rampant godlessness. While waiting to go up to Oxford, I decided to work my way through a pile of "improving books." Needless to say, none of them were religious.

Eventually, I came to a classic work of philosophy—Plato's Republic. I couldn't make sense of everything I read. But one image etched itself into my imagination. Plato asks us



### *Birthdays*

6 Kelly Dopp	24 Mark Alkaed
7 Cathy Lipinski	25 Ethan Starr
8 Carole Peterson	27 Tom Timmons
10 Carolyn McCamic	28 Jason Baker
12 Saharah Stewart	30 Michael Ford
20 Marge Allan	31 David Kinney
20 Beckett Dopp	
20 Tyra Timmons	
20 Jordan Yeater	

22 Casher Dopp

### *Anniversaries*

3 Tom and Anna Ault
9 Robert and Margaret Stewart
16 Russell and Rita Wickham
23 Ray and Darene Waszkiewicz
24 John and Marlene Rheuff
25 Robert and Diane Smith
30 Joseph and Carolyn Glaub
30 Philip and Vickey Makari



### *Birthdays*

2 Eleanor Hewitt	8 Lindsay Busby
3 Bob Sagrilla	10 Helen Reed
4 Suzanne Brown	11 Mason Gambos
6 Paul Busby II	14 Jaclynn Stewart
7 Joseph Grecco	30 Daniel Hayes
7 Grant Murison	30 Dianna Vandeborne

### *Anniversaries*

17 Thomas and Pam Peterson
25 Scott and LeDawn Kosek
29 Thomas and Suzanne Brown

to imagine a group of men, trapped in a cave, knowing only a world of flickering shadows cast by a fire. Having experienced no other world, they assume that the shadows are the only reality. Yet the reader knows—and is meant to know—that there is another world beyond the cave, awaiting discovery.

As I read this passage, the hard-nosed rationalist within me smiled condescendingly. Typical escapist superstition! What you see is what you get, and that's the end of the matter. Yet a still, small voice within me whispered words of doubt. What if this world is only part of the story? What if this world is only a shadowland? What if there is something more wonderful beyond it?

McGrath's struggle with the truth(s) of the Christian faith is not unique. The Apostle Paul had his own barriers, one being (from a Jewish perspective) the barrier of a religious tradition that assumed that the Messiah would conquer via the glory and honor of war, not the ignominious cross of dishonor.

Barriers to belief many times come in the form of intellectual pride as with McGrath, but McGrath knew by virtue of the moral law within and the starry sky above that “there is something more wonderful beyond” this life. Our neo-pagan culture lies to itself by saying that this is all that there is. It reduces reality to matter, a contiguous concourse of mere molecules in motion. We are like the ancients in Plato's Allegory of the Cave; we believe the shadows of this dark fallen world are all that there is.

Yet, some of us are like St. Paul prior to his conversion; because of religious pride we assume "man-made" traditions are all that there is. Religious tradition can too cast a long, dark shadow upon us. Even regenerate (born again) Christians will allow the need to belong to muddy our thinking in the morass of misconceptions. This was the case for Paul as he addressed the First Church of Corinth. Their intellectual pride of wanting to be accepted by their surrounding pagan culture (sounds familiar?) had them buying into pagan concepts (like the pagan idea that there is no bodily resurrection of believers), concepts contrary to the essentials of the faith (like the Christian idea of the physical, bodily resurrection of Christ.)

These are just some barriers to belief. Other barriers can be suffering, evil, and pain. However, when we are confronted with the resurrected Lord, when we have an encounter with the living God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, when we encounter the ultimate reality of the Word of God made flesh then all the idols of our minds retreat while our hearts surrender to Christ. This is what happened to Paul. It was Paul's encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus which eroded his doubt; his pang of a guilty conscience receded into the shadows in the face of the overwhelming effulgence of the resurrected Lord.

During this time of Easter if you are struggling with doubt—for example: doubt from pride, or doubt from pain and loss, etc.--turn your gaze again to the reality of our Lord who conquered death not for Himself, but for us. Because of Christ's death on the cross, death for us is but a shadow, and because of Christ's life and resurrection, there is something more wonderful here and now for us and beyond!

In Christ, Pastor Carl

EASTER EGG HUNT MARCH 24, 2018



Rev. Carl and Rhonda Moore giving the Easter message



A visit by the Easter Bunny



PRIZE WINNERS!!



A few eggs!



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

### MISSION REJOICE

On Saturday, April 28, at 5 P.M, Starkdale Church will be leading Mission Rejoice at the Urban Mission at 301 North 5th Street, Steubenville, OH. Pastor Carl will be preaching and music will be provided by Steve Carroll and the choir. Please join us for a great opportunity to worship together with the regular attendees of the Mission. We will be providing cookies for dessert following the meal. Please let us know if you would enjoy baking some of your favorite cookies by calling the church office 264-5309.

### SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

On June 10th, at 7:00 PM, the worship committee has invited Jonathan White to lead the music for Starkdale's monthly evening worship service. Rev. Carl Moore will be preaching. Please join us and bring your family and friends for a beautiful evening of worship.

Carolyn Glaub and the worship committee



## PICKINS FROM THE PURITANS

*“Christ and His cross are not separable in this life; howbeit, Christ and His cross part at heaven’s door, for there is no house-room for crosses in heaven. One tear, one sigh, one sad heart, one fear, one loss, one thought of trouble cannot find lodging there.” – Samuel Rutherford*

*“The Christian’s armor will rust except it be furnished with the oil of prayer.” – William Gurnall*

*“God never promised us a charter of exemption from trouble, but he has promised to be with us in trouble.” – Thomas Watson*

*“True peace will be found nowhere but in Christ.” – John Calvin*



STARKDALE YOUTH  
AND  
KIDS OF THE KINGDOM  
EYE SPY TREASURE HUNT & BIBLE LESSON

(How well do you know your church??)

SUNDAY APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>

5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

The Jr. High, and High School will meet separately from  
the younger children (Kids of the Kingdom group).

Please come and enjoy a great time together!!!



Join Rev. Carl and Rhonda for game  
night held on the last Friday of each month at 6:30  
p.m. Bring your favorite board game and a snack to  
share. This is a great way to have fun and get to  
know one another better!!!



We are in need of volunteers to host our fellowship hour.  
The 2018 fellowship calendar is displayed in the fellowship  
hall. If you wish to serve as a host or hostess, please choose  
a Sunday and register your name. It's easy, and the cost of  
the refreshments provided by you are covered by the church.  
If you have questions or desire more information, please  
speak with Pat Pendleton or Bob Archer. Thank you for  
helping with this important ministry designed to enhance our  
fellowship with one another and with our worship guests.

Please join us each week after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Ser-  
vice for a special time of fellowship and light refreshments.

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

**THE PINWHEEL OF HOPE TREE** will remain in  
the narthex throughout the month of April, which is  
Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year, our dona-  
tions will benefit Refuge 1.99, a safe house for victims  
of human trafficking. Please consider taking a pin-  
wheel from the tree, purchasing the item that has been  
placed on the tag, and placing your item under the tree  
during the month of April. We appreciate your help  
with this outreach ministry.

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

**2018 PER CAPITA** is \$37.50 per member which includes \$23 to fund the EPC General Assembly budget and \$14.50 to fund the Presbytery of the Alleghenies budget. The Per Member Asking from churches funds the operation of the administration offices as well as the offices of the various EPC ministries. Please prayerfully consider participating toward Starkdale's contribution. Thank you.

**THE NEW LED CHURCH SIGN** is on schedule to be installed this spring. We are asking for monetary donations to defray \$10,000 of the cost. If you would like to make a designated contribution to this project, please indicate that it is for the sign. Thank you.



### **ELKHORN VALLEY 2018 SUMMER CAMPS**

Summer camp at Elkhorn Valley is a great opportunity for campers to break free from their normal routines, and experience God's beautiful Creation. Camp brochures are available in the Narthex and church office. Early discounted registration has started. Please contact Starkdale Presbyterian Women moderators, Janet Stukins or Karen Hill for more information. You may call the *Elkhorn Valley camp directly at (740)768-2148 or [www.elkhornvallely.com](http://www.elkhornvallely.com)*.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL



**Weekday classes/Rev. Moore, meet in Fellowship Hall**

9:00 a.m. 3rd Sat. - *Calvin's Institutes*

10:00 a.m. Tuesday - Survey of the Old Testament

6:00 p.m. Wednesday - Survey of the Old Testament

7:00 p.m. Wednesday - New Members class

6-8p.m. - Thursday - EPC Officer Class - Rev. Carl Moore  
(meets in Adult Sunday School Room)

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### **Sunday morning classes- 9:45 a.m.**

We have two adult classes:

The *Westminster Confession of Faith* study, led by Rev.

Carl Moore, meets in the Adult Sunday School Room

The Bible From Scratch Class, led by Sandy Conrad meets  
in the Library

K-5th Grade - meets in the children's classroom (on 3rd  
floor) with Janice Whitaker

The Jr. High and High School (6th through 12th grade)  
meets in Office Room 200, with Carolyn Glaub.

The nursery is also available for younger children during the  
Sunday morning classes.

Please join us. Coffee and donuts are provided.

Janice Whitaker

Christian Education, Chair



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018**  
**JUNE 4-8th**  
**9:00 - 12:15 PM**

**COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AND BRING  
 YOUR FRIENDS**  
**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30 A.M.**  
**CHILDREN GRADES PRE-K - 6TH**

**PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN  
 THE NARTHEX AND CHURCH OFFICE. YOU MAY  
 ALSO CALL THE OFFICE (740) 264-5309, TO PRE-  
 REGISTER.**



*Our Sympathy is extended to Dr. Thomas and Suzanne Brown and their extended family in the death of Suzanne's mother, Braunda Berresford, on February 4, 2018.*

*Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Dorothy Bowers, in her death, on January 26, 2018.*

*Our Sympathy is extended to Paul Visyak, Dale, Sharon, Sheila, Sandee, and their extended family in the death of Paul's wife; Dale, Sharon, Sheila, and Sandee's mother, Dolores, on February 9, 2018.*

*Our Sympathy is extended to Bob and Cindy Sagrilla in the death of Bob's brother, Anthony J. Sagrilla, on December 25, 2017. A memorial service was held on March 10, 2018.*







*A very heartfelt and sincere thank you to everyone who attended our Valentines dinner. You helped make it so successful. Wasn't it fun! Thanks also to all who worked so hard to make it happen.*



*We could never have done it without your willing and expert help. Everyone we asked stepped up and did a great job.*

*So, the good Lord willing and the creek don't rise, we'll do it again next year.*

*Co-chairpersons, Wayne and Betty*

**STARKDALE TRIVIA TEAM  
8TH ANNUAL TRIVIA COMPETITION SPONSORED  
BY  
THE KIWANIS CLUB OF STEUBENVILLE**

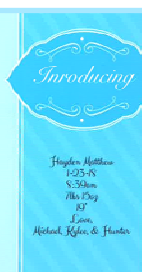


**(Left) LeDawn & Scott Kosek, Jerry Palmer, Jennifer and Riley Shearer, Marianne Freeze, Alex Robertson, Geoff Palmer, Ted Whitaker (not pictured Janice Whitaker.)**

Starkdale competed in the Kiwanis Trivia team competition on March 10th. It was a great time of fellowship and brain work. The Starkdale team came in 4th place out of 18 teams. Janice Whitaker was the lucky 50/50 winner! Every year we move up, and we are definitely looking forward to 2019!!



## FLOCK TALK



**HAYDEN MATTHEW  
PARIS**

**JANUARY 23, 2018**

Congratulations to Courtnie Bube, a Gold Medal recipient in the Future Career and Community Leaders of America Region 2 competition, held on March 10, in New Philadelphia. Courtnie is an early childhood education student at the Jefferson County Joint Vocational School.

Abigail Kinney joined the cast of "Finian's Rainbow, Jr." a musical performed by the Edison Junior High School vocal music department.



Quoting the Herald Star, Feb. 2018:

Edison senior Kayla Huff needed two points to hit the 1,000-point mark for her career with the Wildcats in Wednesday night's Division III sectional matchup with Ridgewood, and it took her just 49 seconds to do it.

**Congratulations Kayla!**



*Tom and I want to thank the congregation for welcoming our Mom when she lived in Steubenville the last three years. Also, thanks for the cards (both 90th birthday and sympathy), visits and phone calls and texts. She loved our church and all of you! She loved her suits for church and was a Size 10, and would love to give them to anyone in the church who would enjoy them.*

*Love Tom and Suzanne Brown*

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*Wanted to thank our wonderful church family for your thoughts and prayers for my oldest brother, Fred Vandeborne. Special thanks to Pastor Carl who visited and prayed with us on a visit to Fred and family and to those of you that were able to make it to funeral home. Your support is overwhelming and appreciated.*

*Love, Don and Dianna Vandeborne*