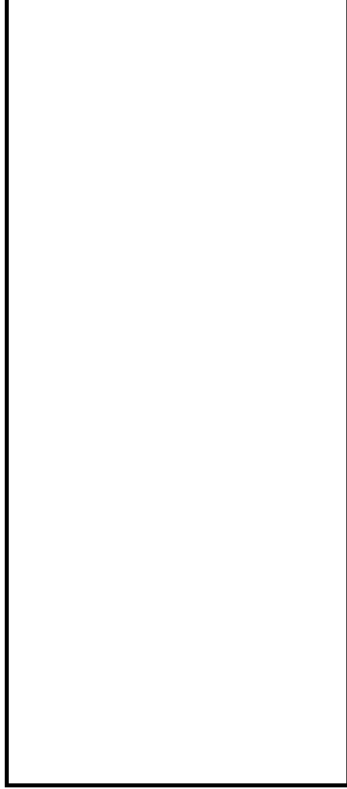




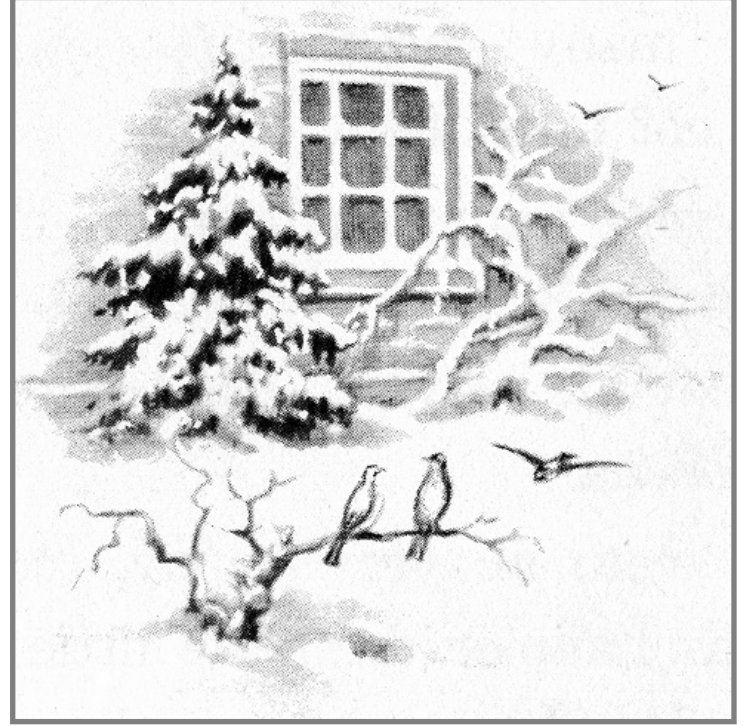
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MESSAGE FROM
REV. G. CARL MOORE

⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

(1Cor. 13:6-7 ESV)

We have all seen what has happened at the conclusion of the annual March for Life in Washington DC., where a short video clip was posted on line to the internet, seemingly showing a group of white teenagers from a Catholic High school from Kentucky who had attended the March for Life rally, mocking, provoking, and teasing a Native American man as he beats his drum and chants his prayers. Initially the narrative was that these boys accosted this Native American man. Why? Based on what? The boys were white, teenagers, pro-lifers, Catholics, and supporters of the president (evidence by their Make America Great Again hats). However, when a video is later released showing that in fact the boys were the victims— that the Native American Man and a third party (“Black Hebrews” shouting profanities) were the ones that confronted the boys and verbally abused them, that these boys were accosted by adults— then the narrative flipped. Many pundits admitted their error and rush to judgement, while others doubled down with the original narrative. Tuesday on the View Whoopi Goldberg said:

“Many people admitted they made snap judgments before these other facts came in. But is it that we just instantly say that's what it is based on what we see in that moment and then have to walk stuff back when it turns out we're wrong? Why is that? Why do we keep making the same mistake?”

Dear Church Members:

On behalf of the Trinity Health System Foundation, I would like to thank you for your recent contribution of \$250 to the 9th Annual Purple Palooza event. We greatly appreciate your generosity and continued financial support.

As we reflect on our past year, we celebrate our accomplishments and are grateful for our many blessings. Having your support is one of our many blessings we have to be thankful for this season. We are proud to keep our long lasting community traditions and catholic faith while continuing to provide excellent health care services to all our patients.

We truly appreciate your generosity and on behalf of the Trinity Health System Foundation, I would like to wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2019.

Sincerely, Catherin M. Poludniak
Foundation Manger
Trinity Health System Foundation

Dear Pastor Carl and friends,

Thank you for your most recent gift of \$809 on October 19, 2018 as a result of your Hymnfest service. Your gift has helped to keep our food shelves stocked for the past few weeks, our coat distribution provided more than 300 coats, and our Jobs for Life program see its students celebrate finding jobs and most importantly confidence, to re-enter the workforce.

As always, I am humbled by your support and I greatly appreciate your gift.

With gratitude,
Rev. Ashley Steele.



Outreach Committee

Dear Starkdale Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your support of A Caring Place Child Advocacy Center and the children we serve. We appreciate the toys and stuffed animals! Have a wonderful holiday season.

The Caring Place Team

Dear Starkdale,

Thank you for the donation of toys to our center. We'll pass them along to the child victims of abuse that come here. We so appreciate your generosity.

Merry Christmas!
Marisa Bartz,
A Caring Place
Director and Advocate

Starkdale Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your toy donation and supporting the Laurels of Steubenville! Both our facility and the Carriage Inn of Steubenville did an amazing job collecting items for Big Red's "Stuff the Bus!" We're very proud!

Happy Holidays!
Janna Rusinovich-Sims

Starkdale Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so very much for thinking of the School of Bright Promise students for the Christmas toy distribution. These toys will certainly brighten our students holiday season.

Sincerely,
Jane Bodo

Goldberg is asking an honest question and good question. Why is that? Why do we assume the worst in people? There is a psychological phenomenon called "confirmation bias." In an article from Psychology Today entitled "Wishful Thinking" it defines confirmation bias this way:

"Confirmation bias occurs from the direct influence of desire on beliefs. When people would like a certain idea/concept to be true, they end up believing it to be true. They are motivated by wishful thinking. This error leads the individual to stop gathering information when the evidence gathered so far confirms the views (prejudices) one would like to be true."

There is a big difference between what we like to be true and what is true. What we like to be true is based on the bias of love of self. In contradistinction, what is true is based on the bias of love of God and neighbor. The former is the judgement of prejudice, hate, and judgmentalism that come in many forms: e.g., racism, ageism, anti-Semitism, male-chauvinism, feminism, etc. The latter is right judgment based on love. This is what the apostle Paul means when he refers to the judgment of love, love that "believes all things." Theologians call this the "judgement of charity." The judgment of charity gives people the benefit of the doubt. Contrary to confirmation bias, judgement of charity celebrates the truth, doesn't make quick judgments (i.e., quick to hear the facts first and slow to speak on the facts, e.g., James 1:9), and doesn't think the worst of people, but thinks the best, the best unless, and only unless, the facts do not confirm one's bias of love. The reason why we assume the worst in people, and are quick to judge, is because of our bias of hate toward the other and love of self (and others like us). In short, it's because we are sinners; it's because humanity is radically corrupt. Confirmation bias is just one aspect of our radically corrupt nature.

But the good news is that there is a cure for this sin, like all other sins. The cure is the gospel. Not only does Jesus forgive us of our confirmation biases, but Jesus also purges and purifies us of our confirmation biases with the truth of the gospel. The truth is this: if Jesus could love without his personal biases (being a Jew) distorting how he viewed other people (Gentiles), then can't we also commit our ways to Christ's way? In this life we will never totally be free of our false judgments of prejudice, hate, and judgmentalism, but by the grace of God we can fight against this temptation, knowing love "hopes all things."

In Christ,
Pastor Carl

There is always so much excitement around the Christmas Season: shopping, gifts, toys, and all kinds of special events and activities. It is wonderful to see that there is just as much excitement with children coming to church and desiring to know and learn more about Jesus birth, and beginning to understand that this child in the manger is God.

It's amazing that the children seem to quickly understand that one holy night in history God came to Earth as a baby in a manger, to be with us.

The songs the children sing and the messages they receive during this church season help them to understand more about who Jesus is. These beginning lessons and songs may be the beginning of their song for eternity.

Thank you to the parents who understand and know the importance of knowing Jesus at a young age.

Thank you for bringing your children even when it's difficult. We are so very blessed by the excitement and love they bring.

Blessings for the New Year,
Starkdale Sunday School and Children's Church

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 16, 2018



Continued.....

8TH ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY SUNDAY DECEMBER 9, 2018





MIRACULOUS MISSION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 10-14, 2019

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

We are truly excited to invite your children and their friends from Pre-K (age 4) through the 6th Grade, to attend this year's amazing Vacation Bible School, *Miraculous Mission*. We will be transforming our church into the wonder of God's Creation: skies, planets, stars, sun, moon and more. Also, everything needed to observe God's amazing World.

As part of *Miraculous Mission* VBS, we share God's blessings with other children through the Heifer Project. Heifer helps people around the world to nourish and feed their families with animals purchased by our gifts. Each day a small donation will be collected to purchase the animals.

We look forward to seeing everyone again this year. Please join us for an amazing adventure.

Mark your calendars now so that you will not miss this year's Vacation Bible School.

Janice Whitaker,
VBS Director



Our Sympathy is extended to Rev. Dr. Philip and Vickey Makari and their extended family in the death of their brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. Helmy Kades, of Port Said, Egypt.

Flock Talk

Donna Gradel, the daughter of her proud mother Betty Hackathorne, Oklahoma teacher of the year for 2018, is now one of four finalists for national teacher of the year 2019. Local dignitaries and the Oklahoma governor were there to celebrate the occasion with Donna.

Hats off and good luck Donna!!
Betty Hackathorne and family

SOUP KITCHEN



Soup kitchen volunteers served a hot lunch to 50 people on December 13, 2018. The menu included: ham, scalloped potatoes, corn, salad, rolls and cakes from Two Ridges Presbyterian Church. Workers were Ella Jane Burns, Jo Copeland, Pastor Carl Moore, Joyce Palmer, and Stu Stukins.

On January 10th, a hot lunch was served to 50 people. The menu was spaghetti and meat balls, cole slaw, Italian bread, and cakes from Two Ridges Presbyterian church. Workers were Ella Jane Burns, Carla Colson, Rev. Moore, Joyce Palmer and Stu Stukins.



- Valentine's Day Dinner - February 10, following 11:00 A.M. Service.
- March 9, 2019 (7:00 P.M.) - The Kiwanis Club of Steubenville -9th Annual Team Trivia Competition.
- Lenten Soup lunches begin on March 10th, following the 11:00 A.M.. service.
- The 2019 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 Pat Pendleton or Bob Archer if you have any questions or would like more information.
- Starkdale Presbyterian Women's March meeting will be held on March 26th . Fellowship begins at 11:30 A.M. and lunch at 12:00 P.M., followed by a Bible study and short business meeting. Hostesses are Carolyn Glaub, Jane Gambos and Ruth Carson.

Thank You

Dear

Friends,

It is with deep appreciation that we received your generous gift of \$500 for the victims of the Camp Fire in Paradise, CA. It is hard to fathom the breadth of the destruction that the fire caused and the tragic results for so many families. Your gift will help to meet the extensive needs of the victims. We have forwarded your donation to Bidwell Presbyterian Church in Chico, CA. 100% of your donation will be passed on to the victims. Though there is not an EPC church in the immediate area around Paradise, Bidwell is a longtime sister evangelical church to many churches in our Presbytery and we fully trust their commitment to Christ and to responding to the tragedy faithfully. Thank you again for your generosity. We appreciate the prayers that your congregation has lifted up and the connection in our denomination that allows us to share one another's burdens.

Humbly in Christ,

Mark Eshoff, Stated Clerk
EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Weekday Bible study classes led
by Rev. Carl Moore
meet in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. every Tuesday - Book of Hebrews
6:00 p.m. every Wednesday - Book of Hebrews

Sunday School classes begin at (9:45 A.M.)
Rev. Moore's class meets in the Adult Classroom

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

K-5th Grade - meets in the Children's Classroom with
Kathy Kramer and Janice Whitaker.

The Jr. High and High School (6th through 12th grade)
meet with Rev. Moore's class in the Adult Classroom.

Bible classes are for everyone! Nursery is available for
younger children during Sunday morning classes.

Coffee and donuts are also served.

DART BASEBALL

ALWAYS IN THE NEWS: OLD NEWS, NEW
NEWS, FLASH NEWS, AND BREAKING NEWS!



(Above) Ruth Carson—
Hits a homerun!



A special visit from the Nimo's.

NEWS FLASH - JANUARY 22, 2019

Dart baseball - unprecedented, never before done,
15 home runs hit. Yes, you heard right!

FIFTEEN HOME RUNS!!



*STARKDALE CHURCH
VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER
A VERY SPECIAL EVENT!
BETTER THAN EVER!*

Please join us on February 10th, immediately following the 11:00 A.M. service, in fellowship hall for our Second Annual Valentine's Day Dinner. You don't want to miss this special occasion!

*Betty and Wayne Hackathorne
Coordinators*



THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous \$500 donation to the 2019 United Way campaign. Because of your generosity we are able to continue helping Jefferson County's most vulnerable citizens. We are proud to help the people of Jefferson County have healthy and safe living environments and we couldn't have done it without your sacrifice and devotion to our cause. The generosity of people like you is the backbone of United Way and our ability to support initiatives changed so many lives in our community. You really know what it means to LIVE united.

A sincere thank you from the United Way of Jefferson County for your helping hands and continued support of our projects.

Sincerely,
Tom and Tyra Timmons

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, visits, cards, food and gifts during my recent surgery.

In Christ's love,
Toni Zajdowicz

Rev. Gene Toot, would like to thank the congregation for the card received during his recent hospitalization. He is doing much better and is now home.



Birthdays

3 Carol Daily	13 Patricia Thumm
3 David Daily	15 Steve Orwick
3 Gerald Palmer	21 Donna Parkinson
4 Cindy Sagrilla	21 Marlene Rhueff
5 Rev. Carl Moore	22 Donna Baker
7 Carla Hawkins	23 Ron Rousey
8 Wade Gambos	24 Ralph Freshwater
9 David Good	24 Hunter Paris
11 LeDawn Kosek	28 Thomas Peterson
12 Helen Chociej	
12 Peggy Rekai	12

Anniversaries

13 Mason and Alexis Gambos
13 John and Donna Parkinson



Birthdays

1 Shirley Hammack	26 Patricia Daily
2 Robert Burns	26 Eleanor Drazich
5 Paul Busby	27 Debbie Grecco
7 James Lipinski	27 Vernon McCamic
10 Jane Gambos	29 Abbey Pendleton
21 Amjad Alkaed	30 Brock Pendleton
24 Imogene Louk	31 Mary Beth Allan
25 Sarah Tegano	

Anniversaries

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