



# THE CHIMES

## Starkdale Presbyterian Church Newsletter

### July/August 2010

Dear Starkdale Family,

The month of July commemorates and celebrates our American Independence. The Fourth of July of 1776 was the day America was born, - a day that was by no means a gift, but rather a day with an incomprehensible price tag of the escalating bloodbaths of war, the loss of innocent women and children (lost to illnesses, poverty, wild life, severe weather conditions, and the rage of wars), sleepless nights, shortage in human resources, uncertainty, fear and grief. Yet through it all, the settlers overcame and gave birth to a nation that stood strong against all the odds and prospered in every aspect of its being through the years. A major part of the settlers' success was the result of loyalty to God and affirming biblical faith. Most of us know that faith in God and the Bible was very much part of our culture and politics until (possibly) the late forties. Respect for the church and biblical principles impacted even Hollywood and the media as well as national and local governments until recent decades. The American citizens during those years never doubted for a moment the importance of the role biblical principles played in shaping the culture and guiding our political standards. Early American documents testify to this truth. Some of those documents will be shared during our worship on Sunday, July 4.

But the question we ask today is where did America go wrong? What factors contributed to the

loss of such a dynamic heritage so quickly? The answer is not simple. No one particular factor can fully be blamed for this decline. Some factors for the rapid decline of any nation are obvious: ignorance of national history, the hidden agendas of special interest groups, the election of "faithless" politicians, media propaganda and lies, the deterioration of the citizens' moral character, the poor quality of education on every level, greed among people in power, and of course, forsaking God who is ultimately in charge of the rise and the fall of nations. As a result of those factors and more, we are now part of a "pluralistic" and "secular" society. By "pluralistic," I mean the variety of cultures, religions and cults residing in America and competing for an influential status in our land. By "secular," I mean the intentional and unintentional departure from the things pertaining to biblical teachings and to the faith. This, of course, did not happen overnight. The forces of darkness operating in our land have been successful in changing the face of America. Lobbyists, though in the minority, and their lawyers, with the help of corrupt politicians, manipulated and changed our American identity, while good and truthful citizens remained passive and idle about the matter. The church in general has done a poor job rebuking and exhorting. It did not faithfully and boldly fight the good fight of faith. It compromised invaluable standards and principles. This is similar to what

happened on the night when Jesus was betrayed, when Judas was the only one awake doing his dirty job while the rest of the disciples were asleep. Should we then give up? Is it too late? No! God (the author and finisher of nations) can change things and take America back to its roots. But how is this possible?

**President George Washington said it well "It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible ... Of all dispositions and habits that lead to political prosperity, our religion and morality are indispensable supporters."**

The Bible likewise tells us in 2 Chronicles 7:14 **"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."**

This open letter therefore comes to all of us as a **"CALL TO FALL."** Fall on your knees for American repentance and recovery, and do everything in your power to help revive the spiritual soul our early fathers possessed. God has blessed America. It is time for America to bless God.

Philip Makari

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## ***CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES***

These graduate details were received after the printing of the June CHIMES.

- Courtenay Balvin, graduating from Indian Creek High School. She has been and will continue to attend Ohio University Eastern where she is majoring in business.
- Lori Balvin, graduating from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a Bachelor Degree in Accounting and minor in Business Management
- Caitlin Criss, graduating from Ohio State University, Cum Laude, with a Bachelor Degree in Special Education. She begins her career participating in "Teach For America" where she will teach inner city children in Chicago. Caitlin is the daughter of Kim and Jeff Criss and granddaughter of Joan and Lou Copeland and John Criss.
- Britni Jean Morelli, graduating from Walsh College with a Bachelor Degree in Education. She completed the four year program in three years. Britni is the granddaughter of Jeanne and Tony Morelli.
- Dylan Pendleton, graduating from the University of Akron with a Bachelor Degree in Biology. He has been offered a temporary position with the Department of Natural Resources in New Philadelphia, Ohio. Dylan is the son of Pat and Leanne Pendleton and the grandson of Fred and Imogene Louk.
- Justin Wilson, graduating from Indian Creek High School. Justin is a regular participant with the Starkdale Youth Group.
- We incorrectly reported the employment of Rob Wyman in the last issue. Rob Wyman, grandson of Dick and Bev Wyman, graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Case-Western Reserve and is now working for Menard Corporation, a world-wide engineering and construction firm located in Bridgeville, PA.

### **JUNE SOUP KITCHEN REPORT**

The June Soup Kitchen served 81 people on June 10th. Those participating in this important ministry were: Bill Alexander, Ella Jane Burns, Andy Celestin, John Criss, Robbie France, and Russ Grimm. The meal consisted of: shredded turkey in gravy, green beans, fruit salad, biscuits, cakes and beverages.

### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

SUNDAY—July 4—Annual Patriotic Worship Service

SUNDAY—July 11—Communion

THURSDAY—July 15—Deacons/Session meeting 6 p.m.

SUNDAY—August 8—Communion

SUNDAY—August 29—Annual Outdoor Worship Service and Church Picnic

EVERY SECOND AND FOURTH SUNDAY—Youth Group at 6 p.m.

EVERY MONDAY—Evening Prayer at 7 P.M.

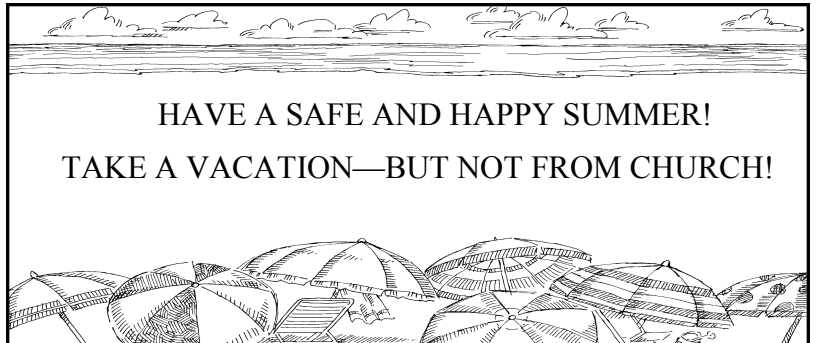
EVERY TUESDAY—Bible Study at 10 A.M.

EVERY WEDNESDAY—Bible Study at 6 P.M.

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY—Carriage House Worship Service

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!

TAKE A VACATION—BUT NOT FROM CHURCH!



**'I AM A CHRISTIAN'**

When I say that 'I am a Christian', I am not shouthing that 'I am clean living'.

*I'm whispering 'I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven'*

When I say that 'I am a Christian', I don't speak of this with pride.

*I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.*

When I say that 'I am a Christian', I'm not trying to be strong.

*I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.*

When I say that 'I am a Christian', I'm not bragging of success.

*I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.*

When I say 'I am a Christian', I'm not claiming to be perfect.

*My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.*

When I say 'I am a Christian', I still feel the sting of pain.

*I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.*

When I say 'I am a Christian', I'm not holier than thou.

*I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!*

Author unknown

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- |                    |                      |                        |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 James Dean       | 10 Paul Visyak       | 27 John Criss          |
| 2 Russell Hathaway | 11 Kim Criss         | Andrew Stewart         |
| Anne Peterson      | Micah DiCarlo        | 28 Hank Vinco          |
| 3 Cathy Thoburn    | 13 Amy Allan         | 29 Charlene Freshwater |
| Howard Cooper      | Steven Criss         | Franklin Merryman      |
| 4 Barbara Wrkich   | 14 Ella Jane Burns   | Dolores Visyak         |
| Audrey Kerr        | 16 Adam Townsend     |                        |
| Hannah West        | 18 Brian Gambos      |                        |
| Molly Binkiewicz   | 19 Mary Hathaway     |                        |
| 5 Abigail Kinney   | Jason Mikesell       |                        |
| 7 Dr. Tom Brown    | 20 Logan Starr       |                        |
| 8 Fred Huff, Sr.   | 21 John Foley        |                        |
| Bob Neal           | 22 Kaleigh Clevenger |                        |
| Etta Pyle          | Geary Harper         |                        |
| 9 Joseph Reikai    | 24 Courtenay Balvin  |                        |
| Felecia Elliott    | 25 Brandon Pendleton |                        |

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

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|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Judy Wright     | 12 Natalie Ujcich  | Marlena West          |
| 3 Jack Paul       | 14 Caroline Dean   | 25 Dorothy Ballantine |
| Christine Bube    | Bonnie Giusto      | DeDe Foley            |
| 4 Tyler Clevenger | Bill Beynon        | 26 Brian Timmons      |
| 5 Zachary Smith   | 16 Sharon Petrilla | 27 Anna Marie Ault    |
| Alicia Wilson     | 17 Andy Celestin   | Darene Waszkiewicz    |
| Don Eft           | Carolyn Glaub      | 28 Jamie Rawson       |
| 6 Quinn Ujcich    | 18 Courtnie Bube   | 29 Doris Wickham      |
| 7 Robert Eft      | 19 Marlene Cox     | Shayne Weaver         |
| Cindy McMasters   | Olivia Ault        | 31 Janelle Shimon     |
| 8 Louis Copeland  | Laura Chanoski     |                       |
| Jill Wickham      | 24 Cynthia Bordash |                       |
| 11 Peggy Saunders | Robert T. Lee      |                       |

**JULY AND AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES****JULY**

- 2 Bob and Cindy Sagrilla
- 13 Dale and Eleanor Hewitt
- 15 Brad and Amy Albert
- Jeff and Cindy Wilson
- 25 Scott and Tricia Binkiewicz
- Jeff and Haley Kreider
- 26 Jeff and Pam Shimon
- 27 Shannon and Jennifer Starr
- 28 Bob and Carol Oklok
- 29 Joe and Debbie Grecco

**AUGUST**

- 1 Aaron and Amanda Geisinger
- 4 Rick and Sharon Patterson
- 8 Ronald and Janet Johnson
- Stu and Janet Stukins
- 10 Dale and Jennifer Harvey
- 13 William and Marlene Almond
- 15 Bob and Ella Jane Burns
- 19 Donald and Bonnie Eft
- 22 Michael and Kassondra Minor
- 27 John and Betty Vujnovic
- 29 Gerald and Joyce Palmer
- 31 Richard and Beverly Wyman



Starkdale's Vacation Bible School was a huge success! Approximately 70 children attended each day. The theme was Son Harvest County Fair. Children had a fun-filled week learning about the fruit of the Spirit including Love, Joy, Peace, Patience & Kindness through the parables of Jesus, participating in fun games and crafts, enjoying snacks, as well as learning fun songs.

Our mission project again this year was the Heifer Project International, a group providing animals to needy families throughout the world. This year we raised \$382.00. This was enough to buy 2 pigs, rabbits, chickens and ducks.

On Friday, the children performed the songs they had learned throughout the week for their family and friends. Following the program, lunch was served to all and children also had the opportunity to participate in games in activities in the parking lot.

Thanks to everyone for their help.



The Starkdale fellowship hall was transformed into a barnyard. Created by Lew Townsend.



Pat Daily and the nursery kids



The three little pigs!



The "barnyard scene" in the pre-school room—created by Sharon Petrilla



Art time is a favorite with Lew and Sherilyn Townsend as teachers.



The Fruit of the Spirit

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:16-22



Jill Wickham—snack coordinator



Henrietta, the hen, got lots of attention



More photos on page 9 and 10

♪ HYMN NOTES ♪

Compiled by Eleanor Hewitt

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words: Reginald Heber Music: John B. Dykes

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Tho' the darkness hide thee,  
Tho' the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy;- merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons blessed Trinity! Amen.



Reginald Heber

There are two verses in the Bible that specifically support the doctrine of the Trinity. Isa: 6: 3 states  
“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts’ the whole earth is full of his glory.”  
The second verse is found in Rev.: 4:8  
“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come.”

Reginald Heber was ordained a priest in the Church of England at 24 years of age and served in the small town of Hodnet for sixteen years. During this time he composed many “hymns of uncommon lyric beauty, reflecting the Romantic Movement sweeping Europe at that time. Lord Tennyson, one of Heber’s contemporaries, was said to have praised ‘Holy, Holy, Holy’ as the greatest poetic hymn in the English language.”

“Looking carefully at the hymn, one finds it not only speaks of the Trinity, but also speaks *in* trinities. Verse one contains a trinity of characteristics- holy, merciful, and mighty. Verse two includes a trinity of time – wert, art, and evermore shall be. Verse three contains another trinity of characteristics – power, love and purity, and the fourth verse concludes in a trinity defining the scope of God’s control- earth, sky, and sea.”

In 1822, Heber, after serving the Hodnet church, fulfilled a life-long dream of moving into the mission field. He was sent to India where he became the Bishop of Calcutta. He traveled across the country, “tirelessly to advance the cause of the church. He was especially distressed by the strict caste system in the country and spoke out against it at every opportunity.” He passed away there on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1826. By this time he had written 57 hymns which were later collected and published by his widow. Many are still in use today. Certainly the one spoke of today is sung in almost every Christian denomination.

*Source: "Hymns of Faith & Inspiration," published by the Ideals Publishing Company*

Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who  
hope in the Lord. Psalm 31:24



## ANNUAL EVANGELISM RETREAT

### **“Stress in Life’s Relationships and the Family”**

Mark your calendar now for the annual Evangelism Retreat—**Friday, October 15—Saturday October 16.**

This year’s retreat will be held once again at the **Paul VI Pastoral Center**, (located just outside of Wheeling).

Please watch the church bulletin and the September issue of THE CHIMES for further information and registration forms.



### **MALAWI MISSION TEAM UPDATE**

By Denise Miller

The Malawi travelers met in the Starkdale Parlor on Thursday evening June 3rd. We watched slides a group took 3 years ago when they made a trip to Malawi and we were also asked about what anxieties we might have about the trip. Steve Cramer, Frank Lewis, and Tanta Hendricks spoke to us about partnership and travel details. They are part of the Malawi Task Force that is now pulling away from us and allowing us to begin to seek God for ourselves about His leading for this partnership. We will meet together again on July 22nd for dinner and to share our individual faith stories with each other so that we may know each other better. Also we were commissioned for this trip at the Presbytery meeting next Tuesday, June 22nd at Limestone Church near Moundsville W. Va. Please, when you think about us, remember us in your prayers that God will be glorified in us and through us. Also please pray for the church in Malawi that they will be open to this partnership and share the faith and joy with us.

We are Serving Christ together,  
Denise Miller



In response to a request from the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery for banners to be sent with the mission team to Malawi, Starkdale member CarolynLee Barrett created this unique and beautiful banner which proclaims “We Are One in Christ”. The banners were dedicated at the June Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery meeting and the mission team will hand deliver the banners to the church they visit in Malawi.





The Ecumenical Youth Musical “Hi-Tops” will be presented by the Valley Christian Theatrical Company at Word of Life Church, 565 Lovers Lane, Steubenville, on July 22, 23 and 24. “Hi-Tops” is a musical, on the order of “High School Musical”, but with a definite Christian message. Your teens and young people won’t want to miss this high energy musical production. Tickets are \$7 and will be available from the Theatrical Company’s office at 264-1227 or purchase may be made at the Center for Music and Art. “Hi-Tops” goes on tour to several Ohio cities after the first weekend show here in Steubenville. You definitely don’t want to miss it– get your tickets today!



**EVERYONE is welcome to the “INDEPENDENCE DAY EXTRAVAGANZA” - a musical program to celebrate our National holiday. The event will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1443 Belleview Blvd. Steubenville, on Sunday, July 4th at 3:00 P.M.**

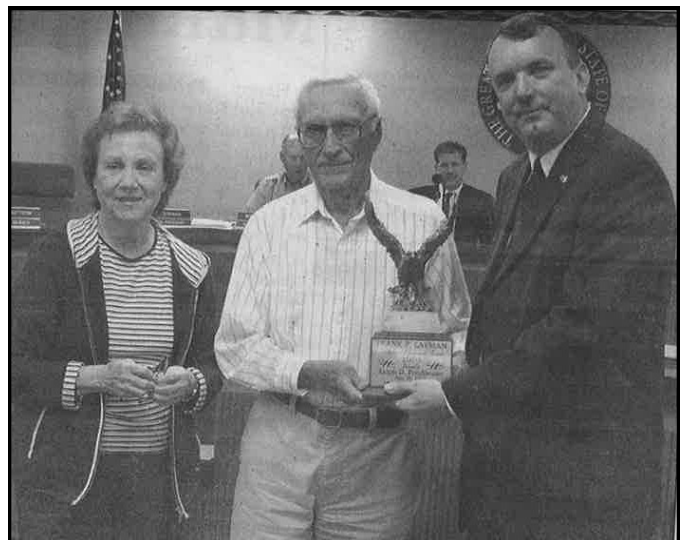
**George Melhorn will be the host and pianist, Juanita Panebianco will be the organist and various artists will be featured.**

### **STARKDALE MEMBER RECEIVES LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Starkdale member, Ralph Freshwater, was presented the 2010 Frank P. Layman Life Time Achievement Award at a recent Wintersville council meeting. Announcing and presenting the award were Mayor Bob Gale and Mary Layman. Mr. Freshwater was born in 1920 in Paris, PA and raised near Colliers, WV. He graduated from the Follansbee High School and later completed his education with the Chicago Technical College. He was an armament waist gunner on a B-17, flying 30 missions with the 8th Division of the U.S. Air Force during WW II. He was awarded the air medal with four oak leaf clusters and the Purple Heart. Upon returning to the United States he resumed his work as a carpenter and in 1948 became a professional contractor, builder, and developer, building several hundred homes in the local area. In Wintersville he most notably built the Provincial Garden apartment complex in 1968 and the Provincial Garden II apartment complex in 1972. He was a charter member of the Home Builders Association of the Upper Ohio Valley and served four terms as President as well as other offices throughout the years. He has been a member of Starkdale Presbyterian Church since 1950 having served several terms as deacon and on the board of session. He served on the building committee for the new church in 1954 and again on the renovation committee in 1979 where he supervised a major renovation.

He was a charter member of the Jefferson County Airport Authority where he served five years and helped in building a new airport. The Airport Authority honored him by naming the terminal building after him. He has been a pilot since 1954. He also served on the local Selective Service Board for 5 years, one year as chairman. He along with two others researched their family history 500 years back and published two books. He continues to be very active in his community and supports many local charities.

Ralph has lived, and continues to live, an exemplary, full life. Congratulations Ralph on this award! And Thanks for all you’ve done for residents of the Ohio Valley!



Mary Layman

Ralph Freshwater

Mayor Bob Gale





Our great group of 2010 Vacation Bible School Kids

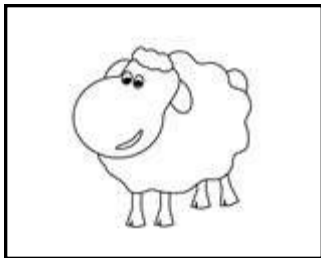




The many faces of VBS! The collage of pictures here is only a sampling of the many adults and children who made VBS such a great success this year! Everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, learned about the fruits of the Spirit and practiced them all week long! It was a great VBS! We'll see you next year!







## FLOCK TALK

Blanche Moores, mother of Mary Beth Allan and Pat Daily (also members of the club), was honored as the only remaining charter member of the Wintersville Women's Club at their 75th anniversary tea held on May 16. Club member Ella Jane Burns modeled the early 1900's wedding dress and Claudia Dorich, the flapper dress. Mary Beth Allan was the installing officer as Claudia Dorich was installed as club treasurer and CarolynLee Barrett-recording secretary.

Peggy Rekai was recently honored for 1,000 hours and 5 years of volunteering at Trinity Health System at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet.

Brian Felmet, Valley of Steubenville F&AM scholarship committee member, was pictured with the recipients of the \$7,600 available scholarships.

Tom Timmons served as a panelist for the second-annual Key Club Leadership Seminar. Key Club members from Indian Creek, Steubenville, Buckeye Local and Catholic Central High Schools gathered at Steubenville High School for the seminar.

Bill Alexander served as the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery's Elder Commissioner to the Synod meeting held in State College, PA on June 20-22nd.

Congratulations to Olivia Chanoski who represented Jefferson County Christian School and competed against the Steubenville Striders at Harding Track. She placed first in the 400 meter, first in the 200 meter, and second in the 100 meter.

Congratulations to David Kinney for receiving a certificate of Academic Excellence for earning Highest Honors (4.0 GPA) throughout the year. He also received an award for Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies. David just completed 5th grade at Springfield Middle School.

Congratulations to Misty Brake for being named to the Principal's List for Academic Excellence at Indian Creek High School. Misty will be a Junior in the 2010-11 school year.

As we all know, the Chicken Grill was a huge success. One item that was especially appreciated by Doug Cooke and others was the *French Rhubarb Pie*. John and Marlene Rhueff told us that Helen Reed was the baker of this delicious treat. She shares the recipe with us for THE CHIMES.

### French Rhubarb Pie

Line a 9" pan with pastry.

Then mix:

3/4 cup sugar

2 Tablespoons flour

Stir in:

2 eggs, well beaten

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

2 cups rhubarb (cut into 1/2" pieces)

Put in pie shell.

Topping:

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/3 cup butter or oleo

1/2 cup of flour

Mix well and sprinkle the crumbly mixture over the top of rhubarb.

Bake at 350 for about 30 minutes or until the rhubarb is done.

(Note from Helen: I sometimes put a piece of aluminum foil over the top after it has baked for awhile).



Congratulations to:

Shannon Holt and Bryan Conlon who were married at Starkdale on June 19th.

Kelly Oldaker and Dave Eft who were married at Starkdale on June 26th. Dave is the son of Rob and Susan Eft.



Octavia Lover and her family in the sudden death of her father, Earl Stone Lover, on June 14. Mr. Lover died suddenly at his home in Dublin, Ohio.

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