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THE CHIMES

Starkdale Evangelical Presbyterian Church
October 2015 Newsletter



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the
heavens; Praise Him in the heights!

Psalm 148:1

FROM THE SESSION

The Starkdale Session has unanimously extended the Stated Supply invitation to Rev. Paul Danielson to continue through the month of October, and he has graciously agreed. Rev. Danielson will fill the pulpit and administer the Sacraments as Stated Supply for the month of October. We are thankful and blessed that he and his wife, Heather, are willing to serve and be a part of our congregation at this crucial time.

News from the Pastoral Search Committee:

We plan to officially submit our Church Information Form by the end of October, following our member-wide envisioning meetings.

The committee is currently in the process of formulating pastoral candidate interview questions which will be asked in addition to the questions which will be answered by the candidates' Personal Information Forms. The interviewing will proceed as candidates apply.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Glaub, PSC Chair

October Leadership Duties

Elders on Duty **Administration Committee**

Dr. Bob Archer
Bob Burns
Steve Elliott
Scott Murison
John Parkinson

Deacons on Duty

Lisa Busby
Pat Daily
Kelly Dopp
Michael Paris
Diane Smith

Pastors

Rev. Paul Danielson-Stated Supply Pastor

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

Rev. Tom Bullard-Visitation Pastor

Nursery Assistants

4 Lisa Busby
11 Toni Zajdowicz
18 David/Andrew Kinney

Over 80's Luncheon



This year's Over 80's Luncheon will be held October 29th at 11:30 A.M. at Zalenski's Restaurant in Wintersville. If you would like to attend, please contact CarolynLee Barrett 740-264-7683.

AIM WOMEN'S CENTER

Your spare change can help women in the Ohio Valley. Simply pick up a bottle from the narthex and take it home to put your spare change in for one month. We ask that you please return it to the church the weekend of October 25th. Monies raised through this campaign will be used by the center to offer free pregnancy tests, limited ultrasounds and pertinent information on abstinence, pregnancy, diseases, birth control and abortion. The center's goal is to erase the perceived need for abortion by transforming a woman's fear into confidence.

News from the Interim Pastoral Search Committee:

We are pleased to let you know that as of 9/24/15 we have posted a national advertisement for a full-time Interim Pastor with the EPC on their staff opportunities webpage. I am hopeful for an overwhelming response to this posting. After speaking to Bruce Allison the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies several times, and Dana Opp member of the Ministerial Committee of the POA and liaison to Starkdale, we have all agreed that this action should produce many qualified candidates. The goal of Session and the task of the ISC is to move through the intentional Interim Pastor process as described in the Procedure Manual for Ministerial and Candidates Committees Handbook and pave the way for the eventual full-time Pastor. While we have had several excellent visiting pastors, an Intentional Interim will help Starkdale transition as we reflect on the past and see the present with a realistic outlook to guide us towards the future of our congregation.

Blessings,

Scott Murison, Interim Search Committee Chair

ENVISIONING

In order to move forward with our pastoral search, we, as members of the congregation, must meet together to objectively examine ourselves, evaluate our current ministries, consider what we do well and what needs improvement, determine our church's strengths and challenges, and reset our goals, if needed, to ensure all that we say and do at Starkdale is truly focused on Christ, and all glory is given to God. We must have everything in order and know who we are as a church in order to correctly present ourselves on our Church Information Form, so that we are able to call a pastor who shares our vision.

On the Sundays of October 11th and 18th, Session will conduct an envisioning meeting in the fellowship hall at 12:15 P.M. (following the 11:00 Sunday worship services).

All members are urged to participate, for we as the body of Christ, have been given the responsibility to be excellent in all we do in His name.

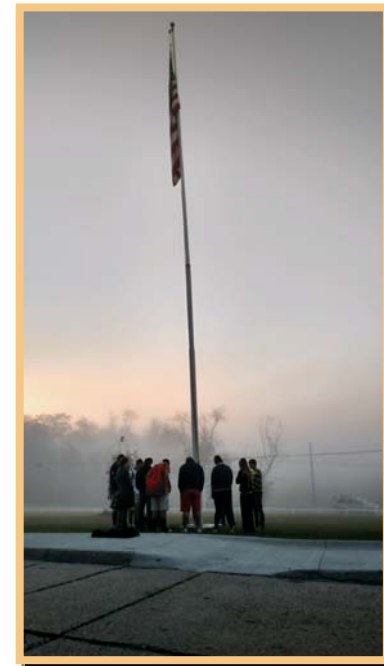
Lunch will be served. Please email or call the office to RSVP by October 8th.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE was held 9-23-2015

Students United in Prayer



SHS (Big Red)



Edison HS



Edison HS

FLOCK TALK



Jensine Foley was on the Steubenville High School 2015 Homecoming Court during her school's homecoming football game on Sept. 11th. Jensine (pictured right) is a high school senior and is the granddaughter of **John and DeDe Foley**.



CONGRATULATIONS!



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

PRAYER

Please continue to pray for both pastoral search processes-the search for a full time interim pastor and the search for a full time called pastor, the committee members, and our envisioning process as we as a congregation seek God's perfect will for Starkdale. Prayer is the key!

“They all joined together constantly in prayer.”

Acts 1:14

EPC REFORMED THEOLOGY

This is a required class for all Ruling Elders and Deacons. It is also imperative for all church leaders and members of the congregation, so that we as a congregation are educated in our doctrines and are in unity as one body.

The class is held every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 A.M. in the adult Sunday School class room. We are currently studying Michael Horton's thought-provoking book: *Putting Amazing Back into Grace*. The class is being well attended with healthy participation and discussion as we learn basic Biblical truths.

We are intentionally being very thorough in the study, so please do not hesitate to join the class at any time, any Sunday.

If you do not already own the book, the cost is \$10. If you wish to have a free copy and like to participate, please contact the office. If for some reason you are unable to attend the class, please purchase a book to read and study.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On September 13th, the Sunday School children at Starkdale celebrated **Rally Day**, inviting their friends and reminding them to attend Sunday School every week at 9:30 A.M. Our Rally Day theme was **“Back to the Bible Sunday.”** The new Communicants Class for 6th through 12th grade also began with a wonderful turnout. The celebration continued at the Fellowship Hour. Balloons were released after Sunday School. It was really great, as a huge wind came up and our balloons with John 3:16 written on the tags, lifted off so fast that we were all surprised!! All the children at Fellowship who attended church also had a great lunch, ice cream dessert and a balloon to release. It was a very special day at Sunday School, Church and Fellowship. If you would like to come to Sunday School at 9:30, there are classes for everyone Kindergarten up!



October Anniversaries

4 Fred & Ann Huff Jr.
4 David & Nancy Turkaly
10 Brian & Jane Gambos
10 William & Shirley McNeil
12 Gary & Jill Wickham
16 Michael & Leslie Aftanas
17 Paul & Lisa Busby
19 David & Patricia Daily
20 Dan & Laura Daily



October Birthdays

1 Christy Paul
1 John Vujnovic
2 Michael Paris
8 Joseph Glaub
8 William Reed
12 Steven Elliott
13 Bryan Felmet
14 Faith Stewart
15 Olivia Huff
17 Henrietta Malesick
21 Donna Huff
23 Linda Daily
23 Birney Wells
25 Pat Pendleton
27 Pam Peterson
28 Hetty McClave

FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

The deacons would like to thank everyone in the congregation who attended the church picnic and worship service. What a fun day we had! A special thanks goes to Wayne Hackathorne for grilling our hotdogs, Steve Drazich for handling the lamb and chicken planning/preparation, Carolyn and Jody Glaub and Stephan Carroll who set up the sound system, and John Parkinson. It was a great day of yummy food and enjoyable fellowship.

Kelly Dopp, Moderator



A MESSAGE FROM REV. BULLARD

Dear Friends,

It has been my pleasure to go visiting with Pastor Philip for the past two years. As a pastor for forty years, Pastor Philip has had great insight and wisdom to impart with me. I will miss our time together in making our visits to the hospitals, nursing homes, funeral homes, and people's homes.

I will continue my ministry of pastor care and visitation. And the wonderful thing is there are some people from the Outreach Committee who are looking forward to going with me.

Let me say as a pastor for almost forty years myself, I never had an Outreach Committee who would like to visit others in the church and the community on their own, or in twos, or with me.

How truly blessed Starkdale is to have such a committee. Yes, they will come with me as I take communion to those who need and/or desire it.

Thank you Starkdale for blessing me with such a wonderful fellowship of believers and ministry.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Tom

OUTREACH

COMMITTEE



SOUP KITCHEN REPORT

On September 10th, volunteers, Ella Jane Burns, Ruth Carson, John Criss, Joan Copeland, and Stu Stukins served 80 people a meal of chicken sandwiches with lettuce and tomatoes and macaroni salad. In addition, dessert was provided by Two Ridges Presbyterian Church.

OPERATION HOMEFRONT

For the seventh consecutive year, Dollar Tree stores throughout the nation sponsored Operation Homefront's nationwide school supplies collection campaign titled The Back-To-School Brigade.

Through the generosity of the local Dollar Tree (Mall Dr.) patrons, who donated funds to purchase school supplies, the needs of countless needy students have been met as they begin their school year.

Operation Homefront especially targets the children of military families around the nation by presenting the school supplies to military bases to distribute to children of families on those bases.

We do not have a military base in the Steubenville area, so Operation Homefront has asked Starkdale Evangelical Presbyterian Church to distribute the collected supplies to needy children with an emphasis on military families as much as possible.

Starkdale Outreach Committee collected 15 boxes—each containing an average of 90 supplies—and delivered them equally to elementary schools in the area and Urban Mission. We asked the recipient schools and Urban Mission to target the children of military families who are in the student body first and then distribute to the most needy children.



Here are some youth ministry highlights from the last month...

We had an average of around 35 people out for our last four youth meetings.

The Valley's Got Talent event is coming again in November and will be bigger and better than ever and will feature celebrity guest judge Brian Johnson from "The Voice" TV show. It will take place on Sunday night Nov. 8th at 6:00 at the Big Red Auditorium. There also will be open tryouts at the center court of the Fort Steuben Mall Oct. 24th from 2:00-3:30 with registration from 1:30-2:00.

Maurice Clarett spoke to around 350 people at the **All Valley Youth Rally** and also to 650 students at Big Red HS. He shared his testimony even at the school event!

The Toronto Jr. High **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** Program has started and after one week has doubled in size from 12 to 24 students! The HS group at Toronto will begin soon!

I'm encouraging all students grades 6-12 to take part in a five-week **communicants course** that outlines the basic Bible doctrines of our church. If you attend all five weeks you're eligible to be baptized if you have not already done so and become a member of the church pending a final examination by the session. Even if the students have been baptized and have joined the church, I strongly recommend that they attend the sessions for these five weeks where I will cover basic Bible doctrines as well as the seven essentials of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. This will take place from 9:30-10:30 on Sunday morning.



KIDS ROCK IS BACK

KIDS ROCK IS RETURNING ON OCTOBER 11TH, 6:00-7:15 PM. THIS YEAR ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE SPECIAL MUSIC, BIBLE LESSONS, CHAPEL TIME, SKITS, PLAYS, AND LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES. PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND PLAN TO JOIN US THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH.



Some of the Chicken Grill Team-Thank you to everyone who helped and came for dinner!

WIAACC

Women In Action Against Cancer Coalition presents its 3rd-Annual Fundraiser.

Saturday, October 17th at the Fort Steuben Mall. Registration begins at 11 a.m. Event kicks off at noon. Last team in at 3 p.m.

Individual Walkers \$10 Teams of 4 or more \$40.

Includes pink bandana, event tee, and arms length Chinese Auction tickets.

For more information contact Judy Manfred 740-264-2710.



I was asked by the Mayor to speak at the city council 8/1/15 about the positive things going on in the city for youth through the youth ministry events that are taking place. It went well and was well received by all in attendance.

Was asked by Franciscan University to speak about the Valley Youth Activities to their students on Oct. 28th at 11:00. Led the **Back to School Bash Concert** with 250 in attendance at the Fort Steuben Amphitheatre.

Led the **Valley Youth Workers Network** meeting which had 40 in attendance. It has more than doubled in size in the last year. Even the mayor and Fred Abdulla showed up as well as Harding is sending a school rep to each meeting.

Here is the schedule for this fall/winter...

Oct. 3th iServe Steubenville at Urban Mission from 9-3 PM including a bunch of area churches this year as we will help out urban mission sort food, paint etc.

Oct. 4th "God & Hip Hop Night" A night of great music and a powerful message featuring the Fletcher Boys and Eli-as the Prophit. 6:00-7:30 @ Starkdale Church Youth Room

Oct. 11th Firing Line Night/Bonfire Night – At the home of Michael and Kylee Paris. S'mores, Hot Dogs etc. You have tough questions about God and the Bible? Bring them on!!! 6:00-7:15

Oct. 18th All Valley Youth Rally @ Big Red Auditorium with great bands and an inspiring message. Will take place from 6:00-8:00

Oct. 25th "Storytellers Night"! This is one of our most popular nights as we will have a number of people share their life story/testimony! You won't want to miss it and everyone is welcome! 6:00-7:30



October 2015



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 7 pm Session Mtg.	2	3 9 am Quilters InC
4 World Wide Communion 6 pm SYM 19th Sunday in Pentecost	5 6 pm Property Mtg. 7 pm Worship Mtg.	6 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	7 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm PSC Mtg. 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 9 am Soup Kitchen	9	10
11 12:15 pm Envisioning 6 pm SYM 6 pm Kids Rock Kick-off 20th Sunday in Pentecost	12 7 pm Administration Mtg. Columbus Day	13 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	14 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm PSC Mtg. 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17 Fh Rented
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25 6 pm SYM 22nd Sunday in Pentecost	26 6:30 pm Outreach Mtg.	27 10 am Bible Study 11 am SPW 6 pm Dart Baseball	28 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm PSC Mtg. 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	29	30	31 Reformation Day