

# Guardian Angels needed!!!!

We want to start back up our Guardian Angel program. First we want to make this a one year commitment, at which time we would have a party to introduce the youth to their GA's.



We've had lots of GA's and Youth that are no longer with the congregation for various circumstances...so we would like a fresh start with the youth now attending....through 8th grade. The youth would write notes introducing themselves...what they like to do...their birth date, hobbies, favorite Bible story...etc. Then, GA's can correspond with letters, cards, little gifts for special occasions, and praying for their child.... all without being discovered who they are for the year. The youth will be responsible for writing back, thank you notes, praying for their GA and little gifts as well. We will set back up the mail boxes in the lower level for this program.

The idea is to encourage each child, to let them know they are missed when not attending church, to gain enthusiasm and anticipation to want to be with the church, to pray for their problems and celebrate their achievements. If you would like to be a GA, please let Jean Peters know...and she can give you the details.

Thanks so much!

## Mission News



Our Youth Group has begun a Mission Project called: Your Cheer Patrol, after finding the need to help a child feel self worth....after being bullied endlessly. We are in need of wide mouth plastic containers....so we can make our Joy containers. If you could start saving containers like these below, we would appreciate it. We will have a box set-up in the hall of the lower level. If you know children in need of our "Cheer", please let us know their details. We will be filling them with little cheer notes and Bible verses.

Please Help Us!



## **PRAYER LIST:** (New prayers should be given to Denise in the Church Office.)

- Sympathies to Kathy Wallace & Family on the loss of her Mother, Anna Jane Justice (January 9, 1922 – January 11, 2018); services were on Monday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> in Greenup, KY;
- Sympathies to the Boyd & Wildman Families on the sudden death of Mason Boyd on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> in an auto accident on York Road; Mason was a Sophomore at Watkin's H.S. / Wildman's friend / classmate;
- Sympathies to the Elder Family on the Loss of their Father (Leslie Crawford's Uncle);
- Sympathies to Ron & Jean Earls on loss of their 36 year old niece, Kelly Ross, who died unexpectedly on December 25th at her home in Erie, Pennsylvania. (A memorial service is to be held in Oil City on January 6.)
- Sympathies to the Family of Sylvia Page (Winston's Wife) who passed on 11-20-17, age 80; services were 12-1-17, with Elder Jim Boggs officiating;
- Keep Jim Boggs' Mother & Father in prayer; Jo Boggs is now in a Skilled Nursing Facility – address forthcoming;
- Courtney Carroll (Natalie Wildman's friend) leukemia/transplant;
- June Conrad (Anna & Elise Conrad's Grandma) had a mild stroke / testing done, results pending / staying with the Conrads;
- Dena (Wandersleben's friend) Melanoma / highly aggressive;
- Layla Goodwin (Fred Goldstein's co-worker's granddaughter), 4 yrs. old, with esophageal issues from allergies / may need a feed tube;
- Kim Howard's Father (Sarah Bailey's Friend), head, hands and arms severely burned due to house fire / at OSU hospital / months of recovery;
- Claudia Johnston (Tom's wife), now home and doing well;
- Greg McKee, homeless;
- Phil Kourim (Jamie Bowlby's brother) recovering from a stroke;
- Norma Kraft, fell and broke her right wrist, after she recovers she promises to write to everyone!;
- Bob Lutz (Karen J.'s brother) home/ cancer now throughout his body;
- Charlene Martin (Celler O'Toole's friend) heart procedure 11/29;
- Shelby Mullins (Kathy Wallace's friend) 16 yrs. old, blood clot in leg;
- Helen Mock (Larry's daughter-in-law), blood clot;
- Wanda Neudorfer Pack (Linda Glenn's friend) cancer;

### Church Family & Friends with Cancer

Bruce DeHart, Chris Farley, Wanda N. Pack, Jon Thom, Jane Wildman

### Church & Family Members at Home/Care Centers

Connie & Victor DeRose, Howard Efaw, Faye Hammond,  
Claudia Johnston, Anne Nixon

## **Olde First News – January 21, 2018**

Childcare offered 9:30 – Noon in the Lower Level Nursery.  
If you are visiting today, we thank you for your visit and hope you enjoy the  
“Welcome Packet” provided by our Church Greeter.

Please call the Office or an Elder for any prayer needs and emergencies. Call the office at 740-927-4796 and leave a message for changes in the weekly prayer list, updates or announcements. PLEASE NOTE: Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship. If you need instructions, please see the Greeter.

After Worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall,  
for coffee & light refreshments!



### WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- SUNDAY: Sunday School 9:30 a.m. / Worship at 10:45 a.m.  
MONDAY: Clogging, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
Cub Scout Pack #4021, (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays), 6-8 p.m.  
WEDS: Karate Class, 6:30 to 8 p.m. – Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.  
Illumin8 & Adult Bible Study – Every other Week, 6–8 p.m.  
THURSDAY: Girl Scout Troop #386, 6 – 9 p.m. (Every Week)

### Giving Totals for Sunday – January 14, 2018

Deacons \$30 Rental Proceeds \$1,600 Plate \$2,080

*Past Attendance & PLATE Offering - Budget needs \$3,700 weekly*

12/24: 62/\$8,304.58 12/31: 41/\$1,346 1/7: 54/\$5,315 1/14: 36/2,080

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|--|-----------------------------|
| 2 Jeff Conrad                                  | 3 Teri Charles              |
| 11 Faith Harvell                               | 22 Diana Mock, Pat Vincent, |
| 23 Denise Metzger-Kelling                      |                             |
| 24 Roger Cruse, Kristie Hammond, Tracy Hammond |                             |
| 25 Jared Rice                                  | 26 Peter Witt               |
| 28 Sally Seiberling, Alex Baird                | 31 Jon Davis                |

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Help us wish  
“A Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary”  
to our dear Roger & Karen Cruse  
this coming February 3<sup>rd</sup>!  
Congratulations on your  
“Golden Anniversary”  
and we wish you many more!

# Worship For the Lord's Day

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.    January 21, 2018    Worship, 10:45 a.m.

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## Gathering of God's People

### RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME:    *Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ,  
that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you,  
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.*

### GREETING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*As God has greeted us with his peace,  
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Also See Old First News Bulletin Insert)

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP (Please sign & pass the black pew pads)

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

**The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is sure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**Let the words of my mouth and the mediation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn of Praise No. 1:                    "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved God, whose mercy is everlasting and whose grace endures forever, look with favor upon us as we confess our sin. Lift our minds from earthly things to the vision of your heavenly commonwealth. We revel in self-glory; we delight in vain pursuits; we worship the idols of our base desires. Forgive our shortsighted behavior and reconcile us through Jesus to your eternal will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

#### \*GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE NO. 546:

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.*

## Proclamation of God's Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

By Tiffanie Chalfant

ANTHEM:

"Precious Lord, take my Hand"

SCRIPTURE:

Nehemiah 8:1-12 and Luke 4:14-21

SERMON: "As Was His Custom"

By The Rev. Gary M. Brose

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

\*Hymn of Response No. 235: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"



## Response to God's Word

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly  
host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING

Lord God, thank you for the blessings  
you have given us year after year.  
Help us to wisely use the time you have given us.  
Lead us, while we remain here on earth,  
to serve you through all the people around us  
who are in need. Amen.

Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS of the CONGREGATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as  
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Go Out as God's People in the World

\*Closing Hymn No. 407: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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### CHURCH STAFF

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