

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. 15th in Greenup, KY;
- Sympathies to the Boyd & Wildman Families on the sudden death of Mason Boyd on Jan. 6th 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.)
- **U.S. Government: Open eyes & ears to what is right in the Lord's eyes;**
- June Conrad (Anna & Elise Conrad's Grandma) had a mild stroke / testing done, results pending / staying with the Conrads;
- Layla Goodwin (Fred Goldstein's co-worker's granddaughter), 4 yrs. old, with esophageal issues from allergies / may need a feed tube;
- **Jim Hess (Hungerford's close friend) pancreatic cancer has returned throughout his entire body;**
- Kim Howard's Father (Sarah Bailey's Friend), head, hands and arms severely burned due to house fire / at OSU hospital / months of recovery;
- Bob Lutz (Karen J.'s brother) home/ cancer now throughout his body;
- Shelby Mullins (Kathy Wallace's friend) 16 yrs. old, blood clot in leg;

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

Remaining JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

28 Sally Seiberling, Alex Baird 31 Jon Davis



50TH
ANNIVERSARY

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

Olde First News – January 28, 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, (2nd & 4th 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)

UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES:

Congregational Meeting Today Following Worship
Super Bowl Sunday – Feb. 4 following Worship
Next Session Meeting – Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Giving Totals for Sunday – January 21, 2018

Deacons \$19 Local Mission \$50 Plate \$2,995

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

12/31: 41/\$1,346 1/7: 54/\$5,315 1/14: 36/2,080 1/21: 56/\$2,995



SOUPER
BOWL
SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

The Deacons are asking the
Congregation to PLEASE
bring their favorite potluck soup
to share. **Dessert will be
provided by the Deacons.**
We look forward to seeing you
for good food, fun & fellowship!

Worship For the Lord's Day

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. January 28, 2018 Worship, 10:45 a.m.

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 71

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your
ear to me and save me.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are
my rock and my fortress.

**For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my
youth. My praise is continually of you.**

Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise No. 41: "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our desire is to do your will, O God; your law is in our hearts.
But when misfortunes beyond counting press from all sides, and
iniquities overtake us, our sight fails. When we are tempted by
the vain promises of a life full of ease, our courage forsakes us and
we submit to their charm. Forgive our failures. Strengthen our
trust. Lift us up to new heights, that we may sing of your mercy,
and proclaim the joyful news of your deliverance. In Christ's name
we pray. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord, our God, is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and
abounding in steadfast love. God hears the earnest cries of the
repentant and forgives our sins. 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 Chuck Long

ANTHEM:

"Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley"

SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 40:1-11

SERMON: "Theme Songs of Life"

By The Rev. Gary M. Brose

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We acknowledge that God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond
the reach of human minds. We ascribe to God superlatives of
power, wisdom, and goodness. But in Jesus Christ God reveals love
by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of
the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of
God's love in Christ transforms the world and discloses that the
Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the
purpose of his love. (Confession of 1967)

*Hymn of Response No. 385: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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 (See Insert): "How Firm a Foundation"

*Benediction

*Postlude

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CHURCH STAFF

Stated Supply Pastor: The Rev. Gary Brose
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Secretary: Denise Metzger-Kelling
Guest Organist Today: Doug Ritchey