

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

- **Sympathies to the Family of Stephanie Baldrige, whose Grandfather passed away on Saturday, Dec. 16;**
- **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;
- **Sympathies to the family of Candy Coldren** (Karen's friend) passed away on 11/25/17 after being ill and in hospice care for a long while;
- **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;
- John Conrad (Anna & Elise's Grandpa) in permanent nursing care;
- 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;
- Ronald Farioli (Leslie Crawford's bro.) Pacemaker clean / tests continue;
- 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), fell and fractured her ankle / now at Wesley Ridge Care Facility, Room 102 (Call Karen or Tom before a visit) – You may send cards to home address;
- **Greg McKee, homeless;**
- Kayla W. (Celler O'Toole's friend) recovering from intestinal surgeries;
- Kenny (David O'Toole's uncle) ICU w/Heart Failure, critically ill;
- Phil Kourim (Jamie Bowlby's brother) recovering from a stroke;
- **Norma Kraft, fell and brok her right wrist, after she recovers she promises to write to everyone!;**
- Bob Lutz (Karen J.'s brother) ICU/ cancer spread 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;
- Edith Smith, now home and doing well;

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 Efav, Faye Hammond,
Anna Jane Justice, Claudia Johnston, Anne Nixon

Olde First News – December 24, 2017

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)

*** SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES ***

- The Church Office will be closed Dec. 22, 27, 28, 29 for Holidays
- Saralee Etter will be on Jeopardy, January 2, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Giving Totals for Sunday – December 17, 2017

Deacons \$50 Flowers \$17 Missions (Local) \$150 (Codex) \$200
P. Gift \$150 Street Fair \$6 Plate \$4,379

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

11/26: 54/\$2,957.62 12/3: 45/\$5,001 12/10: 43/\$4,303.33 12/17: 64/\$4,379

THE 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE
BACK OF THE SANCTUARY! Please remember to retrieve yours!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 | Ralph Stock | 7 | Angela Hammond |
| 11 | Fran Hungerford | 16 | Fred & Linda Goldstein |
| 21 | Joey Crawford, Jason Kean | | |
| 22 | Owen Bowlby, Sarah Gundler, David Zeller | | |
| 23 | Jack Witt, Pat Landis, Marshall & Linda Glenn | | |
| 26 | Wyatt Nathan Harvell | 28 | Tabitha Boggs-Hernandez |

Service of Lessons and Carols

First Presbyterian Church of Pataskala

December 24, 2017 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

Prelude “A Child is Born” *Everett Titcomb*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all people;

For to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Come, let us worship the Lord who established a new covenant through his Son Jesus Christ.

We come in spirit and in truth.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn “O Come All Ye Faithful” #170

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles

Prayer of Praise

Glory to you, Great God of power, for the gift of your Son, light in darkness and hope of the world, whom you sent to save us from our sins. We thank you for the prophet’s hope, the angles’ song, for the birth in Bethlehem. We thank you that in Jesus you joined us, sharing human hurts and pleasures. With singing angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story, so that all people may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love. Glory to you for your wonderful love. Glory to you, eternal God; through Jesus Christ, Lord of Lord, and Kings of kings, forever. Amen.

Anthem “This Holy Christmas Night” Larson

Reading Prophecy Isaiah

Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #147
(verses 1,2)

Reading The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary Luke 1:26-33

Hymn “What Child is This?” #159
(verses 1,2)

Reading The Journey to Bethlehem Luke 2:1-5

*Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem” #171
(verses 1,2,4)

Reading The Birth Luke 2:6-7

Hymn “Away in a Manger” #157

Reading The Angels’ Song Luke 2:8-14

Anthem “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

*Hymn “Angels From the Realms of Glory” #168
(verses 1,2)

Reading The Shepherds’ Response Luke 2:15-20

Hymn “The First Noel” #156
(verses 1,2,6)

Homily A Shepherd

Reading Jesus Christ, Light of the World John 1

Anthem “God So Loved the World” Beall

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Promise, with Bethlehem shepherds of old, we have heard the song of the angels proclaiming the birth of your Son Jesus. We have come to the manger to see what you have done and to consider the implications. You have come to us. You are with us. Never again shall we be alone. As we have rejoiced in the birth of the child of Bethlehem, our hearts have been filled with the divine light that pierces the deepest darkness of night. Send us forth into our world carrying the light of Christ’s presence in our hearts, that we may be strengthened for our journey, and that your light may shine through our lives into our world. For truly, your glory has been revealed and all people shall see it together. Amen.

*Hymn "Silent Night" #154
*Benediction
*Hymn "Joy to the World" #161
*Postlude "In Dulci Jubilo" J.S. Bach

*Congregation is invited to stand.

During the singing of Silent Night you are invited to participate in a candle lighting service. As the light from the Christ Candle is passed to you, hold you unlit candle sideways to "catch" the light. Then pass your light holding you candle upright. Please extinguish your candle with the singing of "Joy to the World."

May you have a blessed Christmas and may the Spirit of Christmas abide with you throughout the coming year.



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CHURCH STAFF

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