

Wakeman Congregational Church

Growing in faith, family, and fellowship



“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”

-Galatians 4:4-5

MESSENGER

January 2019

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Worship: 10:00 am

Sunday School (all ages and adults): 9 am

Boards MeetJan. 9 6:00/6:30/8:00

Church Council..... Jan. 14 @ 7:00

Messenger articles due..... Jan. 23

January Deacon/Deaconess..... Kris Green 419-541-0993

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Cookies By The Pound Update

Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you for all who made cookies, fudge, buckeyes, pretzels with chocolate, apple butter, oyster crackers with herbs, and banana bread. We had a great crowd with lots of everything leaving. Everyone was so please at the variety of cookies and everything else. We made \$1100.25. The church would like to get some new equipment for the play-ground so they are going to use this to get started. This will help the community children have more fun.

Thank you again,
The Social Committee

Christmas Mini Mall

The Christian Education committee would like to thank you for all of your wonderful donations to the Christmas Mini Mall. We were overwhelmed with the response by both the congregation and the community. Connie Button has been such a blessing to us with her endless service ideas, and you are all such a blessing to make her visions come to life! This event started as a way for our logos kids to shop for their parents/guardians for Christmas. We were given so many donations that we opened the shop during Christmas in the Village so that children in the community could also have the opportunity to Christmas shop. Children were limited in how many gifts they could buy and who they could buy for. Gifts were specifically for the adults in their lives. They were not to buy for themselves. During Christmas in the Village the shop was swamped!! We had non-stop shoppers from 9—noon. We sold over 300 gifts (for \$0.50 each) and made \$165.40 which was donated to Samaritan’s Purse. Thank you!!!



Pictured left and below: Logos children shopping for their parents/guardians for Christmas



Pictured left: Lois, Joyce, and Pattie light candles on a birthday cake to celebrate the birth of Jesus at logos

Pictured right:

2018 logos kids!! (there were a few children missing due to illness)



Children's Christmas Program



The children put on another wonderful Christmas program this year. The program was called "God With Us".



Salvation Army Kettle Collection Update

This year's Kettle drive was a very big success! We have such a generous community and people who are always willing to serve. The Kettle drive started after Thanksgiving and continued through Dec. 21st. During that time \$3,345.00 was collected! Thank you to all who donated time ringing the bell!



LifeShare Blood Drive to Benefit Caring Community

Wakeman Congregational Church will be hosting a blood drive on January 12th from 9 am—1 pm. The blood drive will be held downstairs in Pilgrim Hall. If we get 20 units of blood donated, LifeShare will donate \$300 to Caring Community. The more units of blood that are donated, the more money we can donate to Caring Community. Please help spread the word! LifeShare will be providing all of the volunteers needed to run the drive, all we need to do is supply the blood!! We hope to see you there! Please help us spread the word and make this a beneficial event for our community while helping to save the lives of others.



Upcoming Events

- Jan. 5: Annual Reports due to Christy
- Jan 6: Open House @ Parsonage - 11:15 am—2 pm
- Jan. 7: Taking Down the Greens—6:30 pm
- Jan 9: Logos begins again
- Jan. 9: Christian Education – 6:00 pm
Diaconate—6:30 pm
Trustees—8:00 pm
- Jan. 11: Exercise Class—10:00 am - Pilgrim Hall (cost \$5.00)
- Jan. 12: LifeShare Blood Drive—9:00 am –1:00 pm. Pilgrim Hall
- Jan 13: Small Group—6:00 pm @ parsonage
- Jan. 14: Council—7:00 pm
- Jan. 18: Exercise Class—10:00 am—Pilgrim Hall (cost \$5.00)
- Jan 20: Small Group—6:00 pm @ parsonage
- Jan. 25: Exercise Class—10:00 am—Pilgrim Hall (cost \$5.00)
- Jan. 27: Annual Meeting—immediately following service
Small Group—6:00 pm @ parsonage

Christmas Eve Service



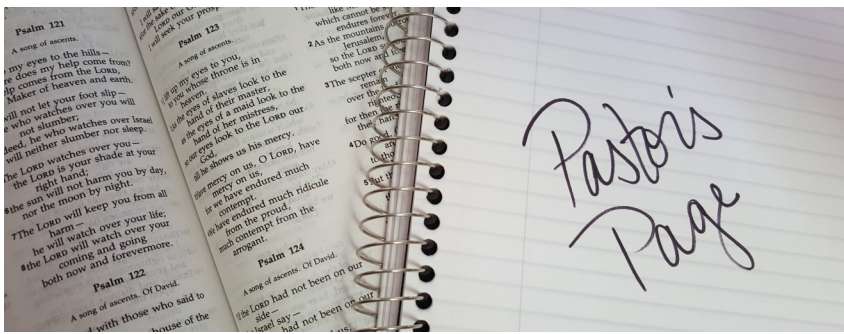
Over 30 children came forward to listen to the children's message.

Once again our walls were filled with over one hundred people who came to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pictured right: congregation singing "Silent Night" by candlelight.



The choir singing their anthem:
"Glory to the King"



Open House at the Parsonage

Sunday, Jan. 6th, Connie and I will be hosting an open house at the parsonage. Please stop by after church for food and fellowship. The open house will be until 2:00 pm.

Our Sunday School classes will continue without break. Connie will be starting a new women's class called "Hospitality...A Biblical Command." The adult co-ed class will continue with "Bible Survey part 2". Classes begin at 9 am Sunday morning.

We will also be starting a Small Group on Sunday evenings. This group will meet at 6:00 pm beginning January 13th. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. The topic is being finalized and it will be announced in the bulletin.

Connie will be leading the children in another Secret Servant challenge this February. Children will be assigned another child from church, and they are encouraged to do one act of kindness for them (secretly) each week in February. The first Sunday in March, the children will have a reveal lunch. This was a lot of fun for the kids last year! If your child is interested, please let Connie know by Jan. 20th.

Christmas Letters from Pastors

Isaiah 35: 4 + 10 "Say to those with fearful hearts, Be strong, do not fear; the Lord your God will come, he will come with vengeance and diving retribution— He will come to save you...and those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and signing will flee away.

May Everlasting JOY be yours this Christmas and new year!

Merry Christmas from The Reeds—Matt, Janet, Anna, Rachel, and Sarah (and their kitties...Moochie, Dusty, and Dunkin)

Dear Wakeman Friends,

Merry Christmas 2018 to you! News of 2018—my 21st year of "retirement" WOW!! 21 Years!!

I have preached 6 Sundays in 6 churches (1 UCC, 2 Methodist, 1 Presbyterian, 2 Disciples of Christ, in 2 states —OH & WV). Not bad for 82 right??!!

In June I drove alone (with Irene's blessing) 2,269 miles in 13 days for great 1-1 visits with each of my kids in NH & VT, and to Maine —see niece , seafood, and ocean.

On Oct. 1 Irene and I celebrated our 13th wedding anniversary with overnight at beautiful Ohio State Park Burr Oak Lodge overlooking the lake. But...Oct 23 Irene tripped, fell hard, fractured her hip; had surgery, then 38 days in brand new rehab facility in Belpre just 10 miles from home. She worked hard in therapy, has great spirit, now home. We're adjusting; working together, keeping going.

I'm basically OK. Checkups good. Am using hearing aids. Little night driving. I'm physically active—got my weight down to 175 from 185 by more walking, exercising, cutting carbs, eating less. Use just Vitamins, herbs, and only 1 Rx. My greatest joy: riding my Piaggio BV Tourer 350 cc motorscooter 2,316 miles on 28 rides, (a total now of 35,531 miles on 488 rides since starting at age 70 in June 2006.) I love the freedom of putting along at 25-30 mph through the peaceful countryside, while praying lots of thankful prayers for the life I've had!!

In 2017 I gave 50% of my income to 77+ causes for a more peaceful, safe, and healthy world for all persons. With God's help, we'll each keep using who we are, and what we have, to be kind, loving, & helpful....like Jesus. Nearing age 83, I'm still seeking to "Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as you can." (John Wesley) I hope you are too! The world sure needs all the caring we can do. This may be my last Christmas letter. Thanks for being in my life!!

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Second Sunday Sharing

At the back of the church there is an antique wood box for donations to support Caring Community. Each month specific items are suggested, but truly everything is needed from paper products to non-perishable foods. Donations are greatly appreciated by the people we serve. Upcoming requested items are:

January pancake mix, syrup, pudding, jello

February dry or canned soup, crackers, canned fruit

March juice, instant potatoes, baked beans



**Feeding the
Community**

January Greeters

Jan. 6 Vern & Jennifer Everts

Jan. 13 Jim & Patti Krupp

Jan. 20 Ginny Grady

Jan. 27 Pat Canfield

*please arrive by 9:45 that Sunday



Treasurer's Report

November 2018

November General Operating Income	\$8,724.61
November General Operating Expense	<u>\$10,286.74</u>
Difference	-\$1,562.13
Year to Date GO Income	\$94,629.13
Year to Date GO Expense	<u>\$115,018.88</u>
Difference	-\$20,389.75
Budget Year to Date	\$124,914.17
Budget Items Spent YTD	<u>\$116,659.04</u>
Under Budget	\$8,255.13

Other Items to Note:

There will not be a flower chart in the back of the church. If you are interested in bringing altar flowers, you are still encouraged to do so. Please let Christy know by the Thursday prior so that she can get it in the bulletin if needed.

Exercise Class:

We will be hosting an exercise class in Pilgrim Hall on Fridays at 10 am. The class will begin Jan. 11th and the cost is \$5.00 per class. The personal trainer will adjust the exercises to meet the needs of the participants. The nursery is available if you need to bring children along with you. We will not have a worker in the nursery, but children can play or exercise with you! We have plenty of open space and options to keep kids busy.



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