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The entire CCC family is invited to bring in the new year at the LSCA Lakeside Lodge again this year. BBQ will be provided, and those coming are asked to bring sides, finger foods, desserts, soda, and games.

The party is scheduled to begin at 6:30 on New Year's Eve, and will conclude when the clock strikes midnight in New York City.

Last year he brought us "The Bethlehem Cow." This year Mary's reflection on being the mother of Jesus. His editor (Nikki) challenged him to begin without noting that it was Mary who was speaking, and also made him change the line about Mary's belly. I challenge you to come up with Paul's original second half of the line. Yes, it also rhymed with road.

Here I was, engaged to a man,
But then came Gabriel, to put a new spin
on the plan.

He claimed I had found favor with God,
And that I was the right woman, and he
gave me the nod.

But I was just a virgin, so how could this
be?

The Most High would overshadow, and
the Holy Spirit would come upon me.

He said, "You shall have a baby, he will be
your Son.

You shall call Him Jesus, but His work is
far from done."

"Your Son will be great. Even called Son
of the Most High.

He will be King of an Everlasting
Kingdom." But I didn't know He would
have to die.

Then on a donkey I would have to mount,
Something Caesar said about doing a
count.

Nazareth to Bethlehem equals four days
on the road.

My belly was so big, my donkey had quite
a load.

After the travel, I couldn't wait for a good
night's rest,
No room in the inn, my accommodations
were far from the best.

Through the labor and the pain, I finally
met my boy.

I stared in His eyes, my heart filled with
joy.

I watched as my boy slowly turned into a
man,
Thinking that He would soon be King of all
the land.

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Sunday Worship Service
Bible School

9:15 AM
10:45 AM

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STATISTICS

Worship 88
Offering \$4,466.53

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-1/1/17

Greeters Duane Carrell
Visitors' Stand..... Bob & Dixie Williamson
Communion Meditation..... Bill Carroll
Paul Hunley
Ushers Connor Bales
Kent Ballard
Chris Luzio
Brad Stirmell
Jim Trimberger
Kirk Polley

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers..... Julie & Abbie Divjak
Infants..... Karen Mann
Courtney Bales
Sunday School
Toddlers..... Julie Divjak
Infants..... Janet Polley

No Sunday Night Activities

There will be no Sunday night activities at the church on New Year's Day.

Youth groups and adult study will begin again on January 8th.

AFFIRMATION OF ELDERS & FINANCIAL PROJECTION

The affirmation of elders and the financial projection for 2017 will be held this Sunday during the worship service.

Those who have expressed a desire to serve as elders are Bill Carroll, Paul Hunley, Chris Luzio, and Jack Stucki. The projected financial need is \$278,540, and will necessitate a weekly average offering of \$5,255.



JANUARY SERVERS

1/8: Paul Hunley, Bill Carroll
1/15 & 1/22: Jack Stucki, Bill Carroll
1/29: Otto Huber, Bill Carroll

JANUARY PROJECTIONIST

Chris Luzio

JANUARY GREETERS

1/8 Gary & Lori Gredzieleski
1/15 Bill & June Carroll
1/22 Jack & Bonnie Ruebush
1/29 Will & Sara Bartels

JANUARY VISITORS' STAND

1/8 Beryl & Jamella Reese
1/15 Bonnie Ruebush
1/22 Judy Marlow
1/29 Rick & Janet Polley

JANUARY NURSERY

Worship - 1/8

Toddlers: Marilyn Wenneborg
Anna Hunley
Infants: Dixie Williamson
Emily Hughes
Sunday School

Infants: Bonnie Ruebush

Worship - 1/15

Toddlers: Erica Blakley
Jake Divjak
Infants: Kelly Donaldson
Reagan Formea
Sunday School

Infants: Jonathan & Jeni Sperry

Worship - 1/22

Toddlers: Nikki & Grace Hunley
Infants: June Carroll
Kate Morris
Sunday School

Infants: Dixie Williamson

Worship - 1/29

Toddlers: Sara & Regan Bartels
Infants: Jeni & Kate Sperry
Sunday School

Infants: Kristin Polley

Christmas Meditation Continued

As His ministry grew, things didn't look just right.
For 30 pieces of silver, all hell broke loose one night.

Many courts and many trials, the truth they could not see.
"Blasphemy!" they said. "The Son of God He could not be.

I don't know how they could cry, "Crucify Him."
This was my Son, they would hang on a limb.

Watching Him die, just tore me apart.
Little did I know, this is where His true ministry would start.

For the tomb and death on my Son had no hold,
He arose from the dead, and His story must be told.

The bread and juice is the reminder of the story,
Of His great sacrifice which brings us into His glory.



Jr/Sr High School Students

Our annual overnigher at the church is this Friday! We will begin at 4pm and conclude at 7am on Saturday. A night filled with fun activities and no sleep!!

We will start with our Amazing Race around Springfield and Chatham. Then, we will play broomball at the Nelson Center from around 9:15-10:15 followed by Steak and Shake to fuel up for the rest of the event. After eating, a fun surprise awaits you before heading back to the church for the morning hours.

You will need \$25 for the overnigher. Also, bring a hat and gloves for the ice rink and other overnight items you might need. What a fun way to conclude 2016! Looking forward to a great time and let me know if you are bringing a friend!

GOOD NEWS

ACCORDING TO MARK

It has been a wonderful Christmas! Our Christmas Eve candlelight service was joyful as ever when we as a church family expressed our praise and adoration to our Lord and Savior. Family together worshipping the Lord, there is no better place to be. It was special to continue praising Him the very next morning and hear a great message about reflecting the attitude of Christ in our daily lives. The true meaning of Christmas will never be snuffed out by the world if we as the Body of Christ are molded into His image.

Then, when I think of the additions to my immediate family in 2016, my Christmas joy increases even more. In 2016, I was blessed with another daughter who loves the Lord when Kileen married Otto in January. Now there is Theo, my first grandchild. He is a baby after my own heart whom I pray grows to be a man after God's own heart. The Lord is good beyond measure, trying my best to adopt his attitude towards matters of the world is the least I can do.

As we enter 2017, let's think back to the sermons on evangelism and rethink the importance of spreading the joy of having Christ as the Lord of your life. Let our Christ-like attitude be witnessed by others prompting questions which could open up dialogue of eternal significance. We are the light of the world. I pray those outside of Christ will submit to his Lordship and feel peace, real joy for the very first time.



Be sure to stop by my office after Sunday School to recite a memory verse and get some Christmas candy. I have too much of it!! With the play, ice and Christmas, we haven't had Sunday School in awhile so the candy has been trapped in my office with me eating it all week long! The scale is saying I should pass it out to you!!

