



The Good News

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Session

The Session of Dayton Glade Run Church will meet for its regular meeting on December 7th.



Our **Mothers and Fathers of Faith** are: Gwen Barrett, Harold Barrett, Bobbi Ruth Blinn, Jack Blose, Connie Brocious, **Bill Calhoun**, **Dora Dickerson**, **Kitty Buzzard**, Colleen Elder, Joanne Fox, **Eleanor Gahagan**, **Janet Hallman**, Bill Hollenbaugh, **Shirley Huff**, Margie Jamison, **Betty Lightner**, Vernie Lightner, Elinor Lockhart, **Pauline Marsh**, Faye McGaughey, Betty Neal, Donna Neal, Floyd Neigh, **Marlene Preteroti**, **Aldean Rummel**, **Dutch Rummel**, Jill Schrecengost, Gwen Shrock, **Sara Steele**, Doris Walker, Jack Walker, Nancy Walker
(*members in the picture are in bold type*)

Our Blessings

Ministry Support Committee

The last formal meeting of 2023 for our committee was held on November 16, 2023. The rest of this year will include carrying out the plans for the season that we have been discussing. We will be preparing the church sanctuary and the academy for Advent and Christmas services and events.

Highlights of the community light-up night were touched upon. The activities for this event have been organized by the Dayton Ministerium and will involve many others from our community. Then on November 28th, our committee, along with others, will decorate the church and academy for the season. A few replacement pieces of equipment were purchased for our audio/visual and recording system in the church.

As always, the month of December is packed full with good things. December 3rd will be a day of worship, a Christmas program, a congregational Christmas dinner, and a visit from a special friend to the children. This day we will also begin our tradition of beginning each service with the lighting of candles on our Advent wreath.

On December 10th, there will be a brief congregational meeting following church for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

Two worship services will be held on December 24th. Our normal time of Sunday school for the adults will be held at 10:00, our morning worship will be at the normal 11:00 hour, and our special Christmas eve candle lighting service will be at 7:00 p.m. This is one of our favorite services of the year. We invite any and all to this wonderful service as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus.

The year will conclude on December 31st by worshipping together at 11:00 a.m. We invite everyone to come to church relaxed as we gather for Sweatshirt Sunday.

It is our prayer that you have been ministered to, encouraged, and welcomed through the ministry that takes place at Dayton Glade Run as we serve together. May you have a blessed Christmas and New Year!



Women's Association

The Women's Association met on Thursday, November 2, 2023, with seven ladies in attendance. Joyce opened the meeting with prayer. She noted that the Thank Offering will begin to be collected this coming Sunday. She explained that the Women's Thank Offering is one of two special offerings collected by them throughout the year. There are seven projects this year which the Thank Offering will support. Six of them are within the U.S. and one being international.

Brenda had a time of devotion based on Colossians 2:3. The apostle Paul taught that trust in God is much more valuable than human wisdom or knowledge. Shirley Coover then prayed over the Least Coin Offering.

Joyce read the minutes of the previous meeting of October 5th. Shirley gave the treasurer's report.

The program included a time of sharing. Aldean read a variety of quotes reminding us of love, friendship, and choosing joy. Shirley Huff read a story regarding life in a nursing home and the "crabby old man". Shirley Coover brought an assortment of books for anyone to take home. She also handed out Women of God cards with each highlighting a scripture. Joyce has a Basket of Blessings with scripture cards that she also handed out. Each of us listed a blessing in our lives and we prayed for them.

Shirley Coover prayed a blessing for our refreshments and served apple pie and coffee.

We then began planning for the next meeting on December 7th when we will prepare Christmas bags and cards for a variety of friends who may be ill, shut-in, etc. Those wishing to donate to the bags may bring pre-packaged food items. We will also send cards of encouragement to young moms. They live such busy lives and we want them to know that we pray for them. There will also be no lunch served at the next meeting but snacks as we normally do.

Joyce gave a report on the recent mission project of used eyeglasses. Sixty-eight pairs were packed and donated to those in need. It was also decided to donate to the Ministerium for new Christmas decorations for the community tree for light up night on November 19th. Also, our group would like to donate to the Dayton Firemen something of use to them, such as bottled water, snacks and cookies at a future date. We then closed with the doxology prayer.



During the Advent season, we will journey through the book, “*An Unlikely Advent*” written by Rachel Billups.

The following is an excerpt from the Introduction part of this book.

“I watched as Carolyn, a member of the worship design team, gently unwrapped the delicate pieces of our church’s beloved antique Nativity set, one by one. They were cast in white porcelain, and I had just learned that one of our church faithfuls had handcrafted each Nativity character and presented the set to the church. Worn by years of handling, certain characters were already chipped and stored out of sight until they could be properly repaired. Carolyn went on to explain that this Nativity set was special. At first, it had been displayed within reach of little ones walking through, but it didn’t take long to realize that curious hands found their way to the manger unintentionally further damaging the set. The set had to be moved. So, we moved it together.

It’s a beauty, I said, and I meant it. The Nativity set was gorgeous and pristine. It was beautiful, but honestly, a little unrealistic. The Holy Family huddled together in the dark dampness of a straw-filled cave seemed a far cry from the white porcelain I saw before me now.

Nativity scenes function as the centerpiece of nearly every Christmas gathering in our homes and in our churches. It’s a holy spot that we attempt to re-create out of our interpretations of the Gospel stories. There are B-Players that usually emerge as “extras” in God’s story. I realized over many years that I somehow relate more closely to the shepherds and magi than I do to Mary or Joseph, and definitely not the angels. Could it be that we are more readily to see ourselves in these unlikely characters surrounding the Advent Story?”

During the Sundays of Advent this year, we will focus on these less popular and unlikely Nativity characters: Zechariah, Herod, the Magi and the Shepherds, as we journey towards Christmas.

Together We Worship Pastor Sheila



The Advent Wreath and Candles

Each year during the season of Advent, we display the wreath of evergreens and five candles, three purple, one pink, and one white. The evergreens symbolize everlasting life. The circle reminds us of God's unending love. The light of the flickering candle flames is a reminder that Jesus is the Light of the world and the darkness has not overcome it.

The first candle symbolizes **HOPE**. The prophets of the Old Testament waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.

The second candle represents the **PEACE** that Jesus came to bring.

The third candle symbolizes **JOY**. The angels announced with great joy to the shepherds that Jesus came for humble people just like them.

The fourth candle symbolizes **LOVE**. God's love was revealed among us in Jesus. God is Love.

The final candle is white and represents the light and purity of **CHRIST**. It is placed at the center of the wreath for all to see His pure light.



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NEW PRAYER OF CONCERNS Pastor Sheila and family of Karent Townsend, Connie Schour, Jim Swanson, Steffani Winslow, Jean Swartz, family of Bev McCoy, family of Janet Mertz, family of Bob Walker, Bev Glentzer, Mark Goldinger, Laurie Hill Shankle, college students,

PRAYERS OF CONCERNS Allen Simmers, Ella Mae Bussard, Ruth Ann Wineberg, Alex Wadding, Connie Yoakum, Mason Martin, Carolyn Condron, Steve Colligan, Tom Brooks, Myrtle Schall, Jim Bish, (Alyssia Park-Hedges, Andrew Jones, Scott Davis, Cameron Neigh, Leslie Neigh, Ron Boyer Jr.; Zackary Martin; and all our military) Our Rwanda Partner Church: Mucabira

Ongoing Prayers of Concern: Shannon Anderson-Black, Bobbi Ruth Blinn, LuAnn Cloak, Josh Conrad, Donna Funari, Shawn Getty, Pete Hawkins, Margie Jamison, Lee Irvine, Kim Kerr, Dick Kolodick, Betty and Vernie Lightner, Elinor Lockhart, John McCafferty, Ernie McMeans, Faye McGaughey, Joe Osterling, Gretchen Powers, Darlene Roudybush, Gunner Rix, Jill Schrecengost, Gwen Shrock, Ron Shrock, Kim Slease, Dane Stear, Shawn Sweeney, Sabastian Toledo, Glenn Troup, John Turner, Doris Walker,

December Birthdays

1 Zach Baker
1 Jerry McIntire
3 Connie Gearhart
3 Dylan Sweeney
6 Sara Fike
7 Heather Calhoun
12 Randy Troutman
13 Holly Baker
14 Matt Nimerosky
16 Boone Rock
16 Lucas Sweeney
17 Jill Schrecengost
19 Jason Barker
19 Bentley Marsh
19 Brantley Marsh
20 Dave Lytle
21 Vernie Lightner
27 Kian McMeans
27 Rick Snyder
27 Tyler Sweeney
30 Tracy Durish
30 Josh McIntire

December Anniversaries

7 **Greg and Heather Calhoun**
21 **Josh and Steffani Winslow**

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the congregation of the church for all the prayers, calls, cards, love and support for Venton and the entire family during his extended illness and passing on to his eternal home. A special thank you to the mission committee for the care bin of supplies and to the women's association for a wonderful luncheon after the service. We are very thankful and have been blessed by our church family and pastor Sheila for her many visits, calls, and a beautiful service. God bless each of you. The Venton Shoemaker Family

Hello Dayton Glade Run, I'm Isabelle Meyer and I just wanted to reach out and say thank you for the care package! It was very thoughtful and it was nice looking through it and finding all the goodies in the box. Thank you again! -Isabelle Meyer

Thank you all for the sweet care packages! The kids have so much fun picking out what snacks they want to eat first. We appreciate your kind words and support for our service as well. Sincerely, Cameron & Leslie Neigh

Mother's Mission Food Pantry is in need of a Manager. Ruth Ann Wineberg is stepping down due to health reasons. For more information as to what the manager tasks include, please contact Ruth Ann at [724-545-9101](tel:724-545-9101) (home) or email: ruthannwineberg@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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December Calendar of Events

1		Academy Reserved—Kitchen Crew	19	10:30 a.m.	Mission Committee
2		Academy Reserved—Kitchen Crew	20	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
3	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	24	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Christmas Program/ Covered Dish Dinner/ Christmas Party/Santa Visit		11:00 a.m.	Worship
5		4-H in Academy		7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
6	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	25		Merry Christmas
7	1:00 p.m.	Women's Association	26		4-H in Academy
7	7:00 p.m.	Session	27	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
8		Academy Reserved	31	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9		Academy Reserved		11:00 a.m.	Worship/Sweat Shirt Sunday
10	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School			Look ahead:
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Congregational Meeting			January 1—Happy New Year
13	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir			January 3—Undecorating Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.
14		4-H in Academy			January 6—Epiphany of the Lord
17	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School			January 7—Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship			January 7—Baptism of the Lord
					January 16—Ministry Support Committee at 10:00 a.m.

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 Merry
 Christmas
 And all the
 Best Wishes for
 A Happy New Year!

