



*I said a
Christmas prayer for you
because the season's near.
I didn't ask for riches
but for gifts so much more dear.
I asked for joyful gatherings
with your family all around,
and for carols to inspire you
with their old familiar sound.
I asked for quiet moments
in your heart on Christmas morn,
for a special time to celebrate
the Savior who was born.
I asked for friends to send their best
that you might know they care...
I asked for peace and love and hope,
and I know God heard my prayer.*

Nancy Parker Brummett

*To our church family,
Wishing you and your loved ones a
joyous Christmas season, and a new year
filled with hope and God's blessing.*

From your church staff.

DRAW NEAR

Advent begins every year with the familiar hymn, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appears.” Christians have been singing these words during Advent for over 1,500 years. That gives me such hope. In a world of sound bites and tweets, this hymn speaks to something deeper, something that lasts. Imagine, what would it take for you to compose a song that people sing for over a thousand years? To do so, you must speak to something true across both time and space, and you must do so in a way that makes the heart ache with longing. That’s exactly what “O Come” does for us.

Advent is a season of hope in which we are invited to draw near to God. For in Christ, God has already drawn near to us. As “O Come” reminds us, hope springs anew when God’s people feel most abandoned. It’s only when the darkness deepens that the light shines forth the brighter. For it is when we feel most abandoned that God draws near. If you are one who feels that the world is spinning out of control and the loneliness of this season is stifling, then Advent is the season for you. In it, we are invited not to numb our pain, but enter into it more deeply. For in the pain of our longing, the Son of God appears.

During this Advent season, we are following the theme, “Draw Near” from sanctifiedart.org. With a daily devotional, original artwork, poetry and prayers, we are journeying through Advent with new eyes. I hope you will join us in worship and utilize the resources we make available, so that you might draw near to the One who beckons you closer. Rejoice! Emmanuel is coming once more.

Focus On ... Sarah Baehr

Sarah was the oldest of four siblings growing up in Nevada, Ohio. Others thought she was “Bossy” but she viewed the situation as “Being in charge,” which is what her mother, a busy farm wife, often requested of her. She was bullied for a many reasons: she was smart, called “Four eyes” due to wearing glasses, and her aunt was a teacher in the school, so her tormentors added “Teacher’s pet” to the name calling.

Born in the Bucyrus Hospital, Sarah lived in that town until she was about six and one-half years old, at which time her family moved eight miles to Nevada, OH in order to live with and take care of her grandmother. She was delighted with the move because it meant she could ride a school bus rather than walk to school. She attended Nevada School from first through the twelfth grade, where there were a walloping 19 in her graduation class. She and her classmate Jim, who would become her husband in the future, competed against each other on scholarship tests; she won first place in the county for history and Jim won first in chemistry. It was administered for the purpose of determining intelligence, not for financial remuneration.

I found it interesting that Sarah had difficulty talking about herself without adding Jim’s name. “Jim and I started dating in the 10th grade when I asked him to a Sadie Hawkins’ Day Dance”. Sadie Hawkins was a pseudo-holiday that originated in Al Capp's classic hillbilly comic strip, Li'l Abner (1934–1978). This inspired real-world Sadie Hawkins dances, where girls ask boys out. They continued to be dance partners for their junior and senior proms before both of them matriculated to Ohio State University: she in nursing and he in engineering. OSU fees at that time were less than \$100/quarter for both tuition and room and board. (This is not a Fairy Tale!)

They married in July, 1960, after she had earned her B.S.N. Degree and he had two remaining years before his graduation. She and Jim raised two sons: Joe and Jay. Joe graduated from The Naval Academy and is now a retired Naval officer living just outside of the D.C. area. Jay is an architect for Northwestern University in Chicago. There are three adult Baehr grandchildren, Emma, Ross, and Evan. Jim died from a brain tumor in 2003.

Her first job was as a Public Health Nurse in a Columbus Eastside District, where neither her supervisor nor her patients were Caucasian. She found public health nursing to be holistic because she dealt with prevention and treatment issues of the entire family and the community. Working in a doctor’s office was boring and hospital nursing was too repetitive. Later in life she achieved a Master’s Degree from O.S.U. and then taught Public/Community Health, and Wellness classes at Capital University.

Sarah’s hobbies or special interests include traveling with her grandchildren on Elder Hostels, reading and gardening, a task which she was forced to do as a child but grew to love as an adult. When she was young, she sought any possible way to socialize so 4-H fit the bill. In 1999, she completed the eight-week course to become a Master Gardener. She was instrumental in starting the local hospice program, and is currently the Co-Chair Person of A.A.U.W. and serves on the Tree Commission for Circleville. (Ask her for the interesting details.)

Sarah grew up in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, took the required two years of catechism, and was a member of Luther League. In 1962, when they arrived in Circleville, the first

church they visited was Good Shepherd E.U.B., the denomination in which Jim grew up. However they weren't comfortable with the members raising hands to shout "Hallelujah" or "Amen!" Next they tried Trinity Lutheran, where no one welcomed them and the DuPont members acted as if they didn't even know Jim in spite of the fact that he worked with them. It was a short journey across the street where they were warmly welcomed by our members and the fact that the Rev. Henry Walters visited their home the next day with no pressure to return or join.

The Baehrs and a few others started the Trends Class in the 70s to combine current events with scripture. That class today is called Challengers. Always more interested in application of beliefs rather than just interpreting a Bible story, she is now a member of the Progressive Christianity Class. Sarah has been both an elder and trustee here and is the one who delivers a loaf of homemade bread to new visitors. Sometimes she makes the bread and sometimes it is made by another person on the Congregation Care Committee. She also writes an occasional health article for the Pres-line.

Every Sunday, Sarah brings me the C.D. of the morning's worship service and takes my old newspapers and junk mail for recycling. She's also been known to grocery shop and retrieve or return books from the library for me. To date she's only been my pusher once - wheelchair not drugs.

Diane Berger

VACCINE QUESTIONS

Some of my church friends have asked me what is recommended when it comes to other diseases like shingles and pneumonia? Of course you should take your private medical provider's advice on this subject, but the CDC is recommending the new shingles vaccine even if you have had the previous vaccine that came out in 2006. This vaccine is recommended for people 50 years of age and older because it is more effective than the previous vaccine. Shingles is also called herpes zoster or just zoster. It is a painful skin rash, often with blisters. It is caused by the same virus that causes chicken pox. After you have had chicken pox (or chicken pox vaccine) the virus stays in your body and can cause shingles later in life. The pain sometimes remains after the rash has cleared up.

Pneumonia vaccine is really for many diseases known as pneumococcal diseases. Some of these diseases are pneumonia, bloodstream infections, ear infections, and meningitis. There are two vaccines. Both are recommended for people over 65 years of age. Children and adults at increased risk also get these vaccines.

Talk to your health care provider about the need to get these injections. They are available at the drug store or Kroger pharmacy.

Sarah Baehr, MS, RN

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NEW EMAIL

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NEW ARRIVALS

In September
Mia Ellen Hedges was adopted by:
Colin & Katie Hedges
Grandparents: Charles & Mollie Hedges

In October
Callie Lynn Wright was born to:
Ally Hardin and Carter Wright
Grandparents: Matt & Julie Chafin
Niece to Kent & Susanne Hardin

We offer our condolences to the family and friends.....



...of Sue (Barnes) Davis who died
9/27/18.

...of Ed Minor who died 10/2/18.

...of Sandy Petty who died 10/7/18.

...of Helen Rattray who died 10/17/18.

...of Gwen Painter who died 10/29/18/

...of Jack Hooks who died 11/17/18.

COOKIE WALK

Our annual cookie walk will be held December 8, 2018. In addition to our baking at the church, we need lots of home bakers. Please bring your cookies to Campbell Hall by Friday, December 7. This project helps us maintain the kitchen for community use. Thanks to all the bakers and helpers.

14th ANNUAL MOUND STREET CHURCHES' FOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, December 15, 2018, please consider participating in the 14th Annual Food Drive to benefit the Pickaway County Emergency Clearinghouse Food Pantry. Please drop off non-perishable items or make a monetary donation at any of the four churches on Mound Street, in Circleville, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Any non-perishable item would be appreciated. Items on the most wanted list include: peanut butter, jelly, saltine crackers, instant potatoes, hamburger helper, other boxed dinners, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meats, pasta, canned soups with meat, canned pasta with meat, and navy beans. Cleaning and personal products such as soap, detergent, shampoo, paper towels, and toilet paper also would be appreciated.

COATS AND PAJAMAS

Mission is asking you to help the children of our county whose parents cannot provide even the essentials. So look for sales on coats and pajamas for children in PreK-12th grade. **Place them in the container near the church office, it will be there until Friday, November 30th. Or bring them to Campbell Hall on December 1st from 9:30-11.** Come to the portico doors facing Brown Memorial and Mission members will be glad to help you. Cash donations received by November 25th will be used by Mission members to buy additional items. Thank you for supporting this community wide effort to keep the children of our community warm!

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

On Christmas Eve we will receive the Christmas Joy Offering, a long standing tradition in our congregation. Half of the funds received go to help current and retired pastors, their families and those who serve in other roles in the governance and leadership of our denomination. Grants are given in times of unusual financial need. The other half goes to developing future leaders who attend Presbyterian related racial/ethnic minority schools and colleges. Use PushPay or the special envelopes in the pews, noting your gift is for the Joy Offering. Thank you!

HOPE HOUSE UPDATE

The advisory board of Hope House has hired staff for the intake process in the evening. This will relieve our volunteers from the main responsibility of that shift. **Volunteers are still needed to help serve and cleanup after the evening meal and to help the guests as they get used to the shelter routine. There are other ways to help the mission of Hope House too: making copies of forms and letters, collecting data for grant applications, serving on the fund raising committee, preparing and/or serving a meal, coordinating donations of needed items.** Please consider helping in a way that fits your schedule and uses the skills given to you by God. Pastor Joel, Sam Wilson or Clare Hall will be glad to answer your questions and provide more information.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,
Words are inadequate when it comes to telling you what a blessing you are in our lives. You pray when you know we are in need and make us laugh which lightens our load. We are reminded daily by your words and deeds what Christian families are all about. Thank You!
Bob, Jan, and Jimmie McKelvey

CHECK THIS OUT!!

HAVE A LOOK AT MY NEW WEBSITE

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Caring Touch

Linda Stevenson

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Logan Elm Health Care

Donald Maxson

Nancy Weitendorf (Sue Twining's mother)

Pickaway Manor

Eloise Beers (Kathy Studebaker's mother)

Mildred Dyer (Blaine Keckley's mother)

Doris Luna

Sharon Ryan

The Inn at Olentangy Trail

Doris Gruebel

Wyngate

Sharon Sanders (Todd Tomlinson's mother)

Convalescing

Diane Berger

Bill Campbell

Lou Ann Clark

Scot Clydesdale

Eugene Dowler

Martha Gearhart

Shirley Hall

Jim Hartley

Wally Higgins

Marcella Hostetler

Diana Jones

Lois Jones

Kay Martin

Mitch McAlister

Jimmie McKelvey

Kevin McMunn

Nancy Schneider

Frank Seimer

Ron Studebaker

Jual Tucker

Martha Wolfe

Al York

Martha York

Also Convalescing

Ralph Ankrom (John's dad)

Charley Edgar & Corrine Edgar

Marty (Ward) Hart (Marcella Hostetler's sister)

Becky Myers (Kim Williams' mother)

Betty Topliff (LibbyRushley's mother)

We are sorry if we have missed anyone! If you want someone added or removed, PLEASE call the church office.



As part of our Christmas celebration,
The Presbyterian Church provides
the opportunity for the placement of
poinsettias in the sanctuary
for Christmas worship.

Individuals and families may place orders for plants
In Honor of or In Memory of loved ones,
whose names will appear in the worship bulletin.

If you would like to place an order, please complete an order blank and
include your payment of \$11.00 for each plant ordered.

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED by MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th!

Donor's Name(s) _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Quantity & Color: Red _____ White _____ Pink _____

_____ total number @ \$11.00 each = _____

_____ Cash _____ Check

_____ I wish my plant(s) to be delivered to a shut-in person.

_____ I will pick up my plant(s) after Christmas Eve Service on December 24 (evening).



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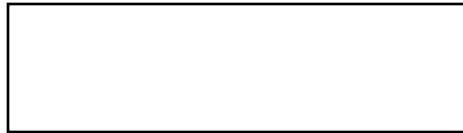
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Looking ahead to..... February/March

February 23 Presbytery of Scioto Valley Pres. Women
24 Brent Nolte Organ Recital

March 6 Ash Wednesday
10 1st Sunday in Lent
17 2nd Sunday in Lent
20 Pres-line Deadline for April/May
24 3rd Sunday in Lent
31 4th Sunday in Lent