



The Community Clarion

December 2018

If I Am...

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If I am a king, my crown I will give to Him
If I am caroler, I'll sing to Him the best Hymns
If I am a shepherd the best lamb I'll bring
If I am an angel, I'd give him my wings.

If I am the wise man, I'd give my wealth away
If I am a soldier, I'll die for Him all the way
But I'm just a poor little boy with nothing much to give
But to offer my little hands and little feet.

To glorify the one in the manger was born
The hope and light of this mixed up world
I give my heart to the one who was born to die
And brings freedom to whole mankind.

I am just a little boy today
I'll do bigger things for Him one day
I'd give my life, my all, to the One who calls me
Jesus Christ was born to set me free.
And this is what Christmas means to me.

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Pastor's Page



It seems that **CHRIST** in **CHRIST**mas is all but forgotten.

The first recorded date of Christmas being celebrated on December 25th was 336, during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (The first Christian Roman Emperor). A few years later, Pope Julius I officially declared that the birth of Jesus would be celebrated on the 25th of December. (WhyChristmas.com)

Due to customs derived from the Festival of the Winter Solstice, many modern-day traditions have clouded the True meaning of Christmas for Christians. I believe that Luke 2:8-14 says it all!

⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is **CHRIST** the Lord. ¹² And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Merry **CHRIST**mas! *Pastor Kevin*

Don't Forget Jesus

*Christmas is a special time to reflect on Jesus Christ
The wonder of His lowly birth brings meaning to our lives*

*There really is no other reason we celebrate this day
The birth of God's precious son and the life He willingly gave*

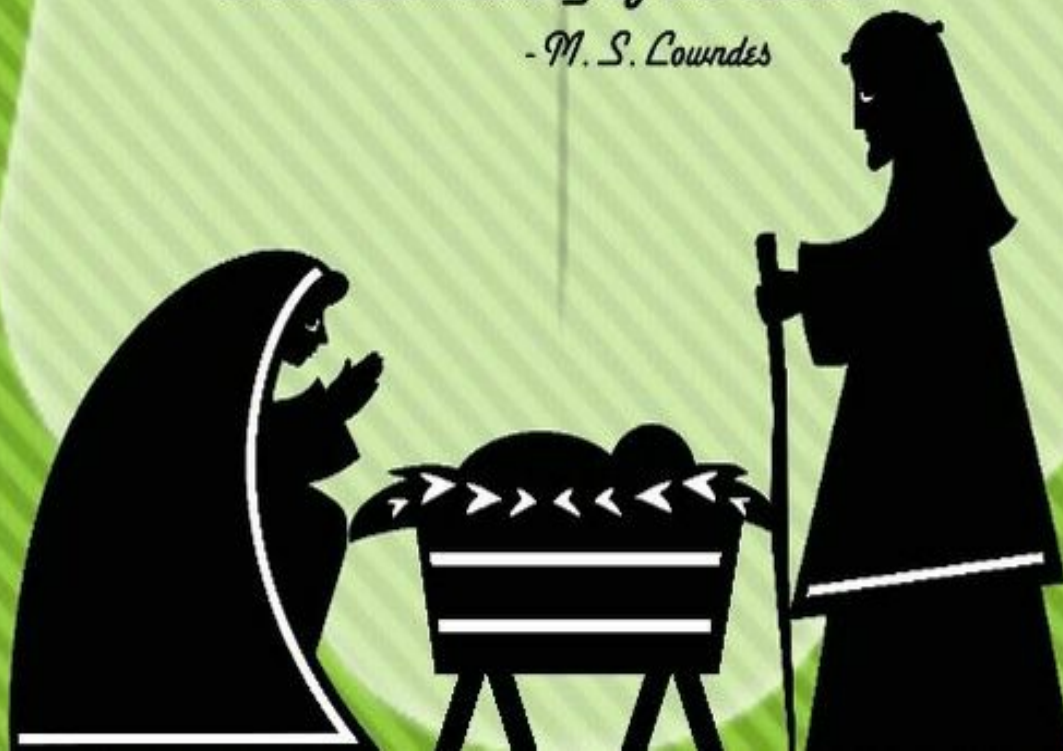
*But so much seems to distract us in the bustling of our lives
We lose our focus in all the happenings not knowing,
we leave out Christ.*

*We lose sight of the true meaning as we endlessly rush about
Trying to find that perfect gift seems to cloud our Savior out*

*We need to stop and reflect awhile remembering our precious Lord
His birth, His life and sacrifice and all that He stands for*

*For though the world may celebrate it seems for other reasons
Let's keep in mind that Jesus Christ
is the true meaning of the season.*

- M. S. Coundes



Administrative Council
11-20-2018 7 pm

Call to order: Al Downey

Devotions: Adam Baillie

Minutes: Motion to accept by Sue Short and seconded by Linda Knapp M.S.P.

Treasurer's report: Kathy Gibbs

Checking Account Balance October 1, 2018	\$31,044.93
October Deposits	<u>\$20,025.99</u>
Total Balance & Income	\$51,070.92
Total Disbursements	<u>-\$23,913.49</u>
Balance October 31, 2018	\$27,157.43
Gen. Fund Balance October 31, 2018	<\$3,389.27>

Motion to accept by Hugh Knapp and seconded by Carol Blaner M.S.P.

Finance and Stewardship: Hugh said we need to stay focused on the capital improvement fund, L.Y.N., hot meals and education needs. Just a couple of dollars from each family each month adds up. There are 55 giving/pledge cards still out. Please fill them out even if you put down "0" so a budget can be finished for 2019. The proposed budget was reviewed looking for ways to decrease it. Suggested decreases will be incorporated.

A motion was made by Adam Baillie that the giving from Thanksgiving and Christmas be moved to the general fund. The motion was seconded by Sue Short, M.S.P.

SPRC: no report

Lay Leadership Team: no report

Trustees: Sue Short contacted Franciscus roofing company concerning the roof issues. Franciscus, the company that installed the roof, has filed a claim on our behalf with the shingle supplier asking for a new roof at no cost to the Church.

The Trustees bought a new vacuum cleaner for the Church and the kitchen oven has been repaired.

Education Commission: no report

Nurture and Care: Linda Knapp said her committee is asking families to check the armed forces personnel information list which is on the table in the narthex and make changes if necessary such as addresses, phones numbers, emails and confirm if they are still in the Military. The Church is in need of a few more valets especially for the winter. The committee needs someone to help with making phone calls and visits to shut-ins. Please contact Linda if you can help with any of these needs. All of them are important.

Lay Leader: Adam Baillie- These are his activities since our last meeting on 9-18-2018. He gave his report that he had attended four meetings as Lay Leader. His hospital visits consisted of seven visits to UHE, two to Life Care, one to Cleveland Clinic Avon three to Cleveland Clinic Downtown Cleveland, ten to O'Neill's, two to Abbewood, one to Western Reserve Hospice and twelve to Wesleyan Village. He made forty-two phone calls to check on people. He made seven home visits. Adam accompanied Edie Lester to five medical appointments. He helped serve communion two times and he did one worship service when Pastor was ill.

Missions: Missions committee met in October to discuss year end business and possible budget changes for 2019. As of 11/1 Missions has paid out 60% of the 2018 Budget and we need an additional \$3500 to complete our payouts for

the budget year 2018. We will meet again in January to discuss changes to the Mission Budget for 2019. This information was submitted by Bill Doebele.

Reach Out: Mavis said that she was disappointed by the response on Love Your Neighbor effort to bring in new people. The new webhost is Word Press. The web address is elyriacumc.org and live streaming is available on that web site. She visits with the patrons at food pantry and gives out Bibles to adults and coloring books, that contain Bible verses, to children.

UMM: Hugh said the next meeting is Dec. 1 at Sugar Creek at 9am. The men gave their tithe of \$472.00 to the Church from their three apple butter events.

UMW: Carol Blaner said the women will be making approximately 34 baskets for the shut-ins and 100 bags for hot meal patrons on Dec. 11 at 9am. If you can bake (or buy) cookies ***Please bring cookies to the Church on Sunday Dec. 9 or before 9am on the 11th. We desperately need people to help deliver the baskets.*** Please contact Alberta or one of the other women if you can help deliver the baskets.

Worship/Music: Sherry said we will have a Christmas Eve service and the Church is being decorated for Christmas by Jan Monos.

Youth: no report

Pastor Remark: none

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Sherry Dangremond and seconded by Mavis Brown M.S.P.

Closing prayer: Adam Baillie

Next meeting: 1-15-2019

Attendance: Adam Baillie, Carol Blaner, Mary Brown, Mavis Brown, Sherry Dangremond, Al Downey, Kathy Gibbs, Hugh Knapp, Linda Knapp, Sue Short

Excused: Josh Barnett, Sara Bennett, Judy Board, Bill Doebele, Pastor Coleman and Theresa, Dan Reinke, Dick and Carol Sharrock, Nancy Snider

Submitted by Carol Blaner

Anniversaries

DAGGETT, Willie & Sandee 410 Cambridge Avenue Elyria OH 44035	12/18
COSTIN, Chuck & Karen 125 Tulane Court Elyria OH 44035	12/20
DOEBELE, Bill & Mary Lou 114 Wildwood Place Elyria OH 44035	12/20
ROSEBOROUGH, Roger & Donna Oneill Healthcare (Donna) 38600 Center Ridge Rd., Room 307 North Ridgeville OH 44039	12/30



Birthdays

HUTCHINSON, Carolyn 338 Miami Avenue Elyria OH 44035	12/02	GIBBS, Liz 109 Coronado Court Elyria OH 44035	12/12
COOK, Shelly 455 West 11th Street Elyria OH 44035	12/03	HARTWIG, Dick 1041 Glendalough Dr. Grafton OH 44044	12/13
GREEN, Carol 828 Livermore Lane Elyria OH 44035	12/03	SCHAFRATH, Macy 407 Alexis Dr. Elyria OH 44035	12/20
SMITH, Ralph Oneill Healthcare 38600 Center Ridge Rd. 38600 Center Ridge Rd., Apt.1209 N Ridgeville OH 44039	12/03	ADAMS, Donna 201 Birchbark Elyria OH 44035	12/25
HARBERT, Mary 284 Courtland Street Elyria OH 44035	12/05	MAYS, Lida 1181 Willow Street Grafton OH 44044	12/28
REINKE, Daniel 109 Timberlane Dr. Elyria OH 44035	12/07	WOOTTEN, Theresa 1349 W. 33rd St. Lorain OH 44053	12/28
BLANER, Carol 902 Sherwood Drive Elyria OH 44035	12/10	EDGAR, Deanna 111 Wildwood Place Elyria OH 44035	12/29
KNAPP, Hugh 5378 Mulberry Lane Sheffield Village OH 44035	12/10	SHORT, Susan 116 Winthrop Drive Elyria OH 44035	12/29
ELLENDT, Mary 9408 Saw Mill Dr. North Ridgeville OH 44039	12/11		

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 UMM Breakfast
2 9:30 Sunday school 10:45 Worship	3 6:30 Adelines Prac.	4 6:00 Educ Mtg (P)	5 5:45 Prayer time(P) 7:00 Choir Practice	6 7:00 SPRC Mtg. (P)	7 Adelines Special In Fellowship Hall	8 Practice
9 9:30 Sunday school 10:45 Worship	10 6:30 Adelines Prac.	11 9:00 UMW Goody Basket/Bag Preparation	12 5:45 Prayer time(P) 7:00 Choir Practice	13	14 11:00 Food Pantry 5:00 Hot Meals 6:30 Youth Christmas Party	15
16 9:30 Sunday school 10:45 Worship	17 6:30 Adelines Prac.	18	19 5:45 Prayer time(P) 7:00 Choir Practice	20	21 11:00 Food Pantry 4:00 - 9:00pm Hoefs Dner/Wedding	22 Livee Lee Bap- tism Party (K&FH)
23 9:30 Sunday school 10:45 Worship	24 Christmas Eve 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 5:00 Hot Meals	29 Santee Daggett Has K&FH from 11:00 - 3:00 p.m.
30 9:30 Sunday school 10:45 Worship 12:00 Meet/Greet	31 New Years Eve					