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 Monday through Friday

**Jan.
2018**

8368 Hill Church Street, SE
 East Canton, OH 44730

Sunday Mornings
 8:00 a.m. – Worship Service
 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
 10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

Sunday Evenings
 6:00 p.m. - Social Time
 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group
 6:30 p.m. – Bible Study

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

The Book of Chronicles

Chapter 260 in the ongoing annals of the people on the hill.

217,000 Ways to Glorify Christ in 2017 *Over the Goal

*Scrap	92189 pounds	goal = 75,000 pounds
*Paper	45520 pounds	goal = 40,000 pounds
*\$ for other ministries	\$29,061.00	goal = \$25,000.00
*Debt Reduction	\$50,000.00	goal = \$50,000.00 (remaining debt = \$48,000.00)
*Vegetables	50,000 pounds	goal = 26,800 pounds
Attendance	200 (as of Dec. 24)	goal = 200

December is almost always an eventful month. The congregation caroled a number of folks who have been unable to get out for a while, sent Christmas groceries to folks who needed them and purchased gifts for area families experiencing a hard time. We manufactured and distributed 13 more nativity sets. We've been doing this long enough now that these sets are a common sight in our area – which was the idea. And we held our annual Christmas Eve service – a good and worshipful event for all. A great number of our folk had hospitalizations and surgeries for the Christmas season. We'll ask you to lift up especially **Bud Barlow** who had a massive heart attack (100% blockage) in the last week before Christmas. Praise God, Bud was able to get by with just a stint and be home for Christmas day. And we also say a goodbye in this chapter. Francis (Emogene) Dewees went home to the Lord. Our prayers to the family and may we all know the assurance that we will see our loved ones again. See you in chapter 261.

January 2018



For The Birds

Most days in December involve moving the congregation's nativity set around. The shepherd and sheep start over by Hill Church St. and the wise men and camels start toward the creek on the opposite side of the church property. Slowly, they make their way to the center where a stable, a star, an angel, and (before the month is over) Joseph, Mary, and the baby Jesus wait for them. Our intrepid nativity figures brave wind, rain, snow, low temperatures and whatever else December throws at them in the course of their journey. Toward the end (when they come within reach of extension cords), floodlights illuminate them by night. In the last week before Christmas, just after dark one evening, as I plugged the floodlights in for the first time, I startled a group of doves out of the spruce trees at the east end of the church building. While I was just wandering around the area in the dark the doves fluttered and rustled down their resting place deep within the thick green boughs. But when the lights came on they burst from their shelter and spent a minute flying in tight circles within the lighted area, until they got themselves oriented and flew off into the dark toward the woods across the creek and other trees free from the disruption of floodlights. The whole thing put me in mind of the Apostle John's metaphoric rendering of the Christmas story. Jesus is the Light come into the world to enlighten every man. But, as John would record just a couple of chapters later – the light was disruptive to many. Specifically, those who love sin prefer to remain in the dark because the light exposes (and I suppose, confuses) them.

There's no use protesting. We all understand John's thought well enough. And even when our reaction to Jesus Christ is not momentary panic followed by a bee-line retreat to darker territory, there have been and still are aspects of our lives we don't particularly want any light shined upon. Better kept in the dark where no one can see it! Only it isn't better. To receive grace we must be exposed as sinners and the light of Christ can't shine on part of our lives, leaving other parts in shadow. And the stakes are high. Those who welcome the light receive the right to be called the children of God.

This Christmas season we will give many gifts. We work hard to make sure those gifts are bright and beautiful. Ironically, the gift God most desires may be that we finally yield to him those dark and ugly patches of our selves we've been trying so hard to hide.
 John 1:9-12 & 3:19-21

Terry

Talking Leaves

November 2017



Church

Balance November 1	\$17,965.86
Deposits	15,007.17
Expenses	(12,997.75)
Balance November 30	<u>\$19,975.28</u>

Missions

Balance November 1	\$ 0.00
Deposit	1,561.00
Expenses	(1,561.00)
Balance November 30	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Special Gifts

Balance November 1	\$ 21,253.96
Deposits	1,024.00
Expenses	(2,885.80)
Balance November 30	<u>\$ 19,392.16</u>

New Building Vision Fund

Balance November 1	\$30,378.24
Deposits	3,937.00
Expenses	(6,500.00)
Balance November 30	<u>\$ 27,815.24</u>
Total Balance November 30	<u>\$67,182.68</u>

~ Attendance ~

Date	8 am Service	Sunday School	Worship
Dec. 3	54	76	152
Dec. 10	66	89	140
Dec. 17	58	84	150
Dec. 24	70	75	176



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| 1. Genesis 1-3 | 17. Exodus 3-5 |
| 2. Genesis 4-6 | 18. Exodus 6-8 |
| 3. Genesis 7-9 | 19. Exodus 9-11 |
| 4. Genesis 10-13 | 20. Exodus 12-15 |
| 5. Genesis 14-16 | 21. Exodus 16-18 |
| 6. Genesis 17-19 | 22. Exodus 19-21 |
| 7. Genesis 20-22 | 23. Exodus 22-24 |
| 8. Genesis 23-26 | 24. Exodus 25-28 |
| 9. Genesis 27-29 | 25. Exodus 29-31 |
| 10. Genesis 30-32 | 26. Exodus 32-34 |
| 11. Genesis 33-35 | 27. Exodus 35-37 |
| 12. Genesis 36-39 | 28. Exodus 38-40 |
| 13. Genesis 40-42 | & Leviticus 1 |
| 14. Genesis 43-45 | 29. Leviticus 2-4 |
| 15. Genesis 46-48 | 30. Leviticus 5-7 |
| 16. Genesis 49-50 | 31. Leviticus 8-10 |
| & Exodus 1-2 | |

January Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year!	2 Elders Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3 Mission Trip Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Bunco at 7:00 p.m.
14 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	15	16	17 Community Fellowship Dinner 5:00 p.m.	18	19	20
21 Visit from Bill Hall & Co.	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Wing Night Men's Bible Study 7:30 p.m.	29	30	31	Looking Ahead - Home Bible Study with Dave Napier beginning Feb. 7. Call church office at 330-488-2938 for more details.		

Prayer Calendar for January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 John & Susan Effinger and Family	2 Robert & Pat Barnhouse	3 Chris & Stacey Fallot and Jackson	4 Gaylon & Barb Ferguson	5 Silas & Stephanie Stubblefield and Family	6 Wanda Sanor
7 Chris Patzell	8 Will & Jen Picciano	9 Russ S. & Jeanelle Thorn and Family	10 Cliff & Nancy Griffith	11 Denny & Brenda Griffith and Family	12 Gene & Clara Ginter	13 Kyle & Beth Wagner and Family
14 Bob & Sharlene Hudy and Family	15 Dorothy Bell	16 Steve & Janice Iles	17 Dwain & Kathy Foltz	18 Gary & Connie Johnson	19 Mark & Debi Stark	20 Norma Johnson
21 Carolyn King	22 Joanne Snider	23 Paul Jr. and Pamela Fox	24 Paul & Nancy Long	25 Cliff DeWees	26 Brian Lowery and Family	27 Marion Lowery
28 Archie & Mary Sanders	29 Hands for Jesus	30 Al McGilton	31 Mike & Megan Felcyn and Family	1	2	3



Pantry items for January

all items such as
canned meat, canned fruit and
vegetables, toilet paper, paper
towels, pasta, canned meals, etc.
There is a box across from the
office for your donations.

Thank you!

By The Way

This may seem like a cop out, but... well it probably is. In place of my usual newsletter article, I just wanted to give a big thanks to all the kids and the adults who helped to make this year's Christmas Eve service possible. I'm glad it went well, and I'm glad it's done.

One thing I would like to share from the program. It is amazing to me that you can take 40 kids, dress them in robes and angel wings, put them on a stage, tell them to sing in front of a congregation, and they do it. Find me 40 random adults who would do the same thing. There is an eagerness and innocence found in children that goes away pretty quick once we start getting towards the end of our second and third decades. It is no wonder to me that Jesus told us to be more like the little children. Matthew 18:3

Caleb Bailey



December: Mission Accomplished

Well, we did it...mission accomplished. The Christmas Eve play was practiced and presented by the youth ranging in ages from two to eighteen. Oh, did I mention there were a total of 40 children/young adults involved in this year's production? Yes, it was a mission accomplished, but not without a lot of help and leadership from Caleb as director, Jeremy as visual/audio controller, Amy as costume coordinator, Russ as animal tamer and mini-angel manager, and Kelcie as stagehand. Thanks to Sarah and Caleb for organizing the cast gifts. Thank you also to all of the parents for getting your children involved in the play, where they had an opportunity to learn about the birth of Jesus and share the important Christmas message with others.

To say that practices were calm and collected would be falsification, but out of the chaos came a message that I believe we all need to consider...What's your mission? The angels were given missions to share God's plan with Mary, Joseph, and the Shepherds. Like the angels, God has given each of us a mission that He specially designed us to accomplish. Our missions may take different paths, but in the end we are all called to spread God's Word...to be the hands and feet of Jesus. At the end of this life, will God look at us and say..."Well done good and faithful servant"...will we have done all that we could to accomplish our mission from God? Something to consider as we enter a new year, how will you work to accomplish the mission God have given you?

God Bless,
Jeanelle Thorn
Primary Youth Director

Scripture Search for January



Check out last issue's answers.

1. I accept either Hebrews 10:4 or 11:37 (the latter mentions goatskins – but there was a goat there sometime!)
2. Revelation 19:21 (For some reason a few stopped just a couple verses short at Revelation 19:18 – close enough!)
3. Revelation 22:15 (I would also have accepted II Peter 2:22 which mentions a practice of literal dogs rather than people referred to as dogs.)
4. Job 39:13.
5. Isaiah 59:5 (one searcher cited Proverbs 30:28 – I'm feeling generous at Christmastime!)

Russell E. Thorn, Shaun Martin, Diane Gross and Lynn Schaeffer all know their Bibles a little better for having sought out those answers. Join them in this new search on – Honey.

1. What is the first reference to honey in the Bible?
2. How many Old Testament books refer to the land flowing with milk and honey?
3. To which king did God speak of a land of olive and honey?
4. Counting honeycomb, how many of the gospels mention honey?
5. What is the last reference to honey in the Bible?

When you know the answers and the references, get them in to the church office and remember, you cannot know your bibles too well.



Set your dates on the calendar for IRCC's Annual Bunco Party on **January 13 at 7:00 pm** for a high rolling night of fun. Bring a snack or dessert to share. Also, bring a wrapped \$1 prize marked Child (ages 4 through 15) or Adult (ages 16 and older). In the event the party is cancelled, a robo-call will notify you of the cancellation. Jan. 20 will be the reschedule date. Hope to see you all there!

