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PASTOR CARY'S CORNER

In these weeks before Christmas, how are you preparing again, not only for the rush of activity, but especially for the celebration of Jesus' birth? Recently, I came across a prayer by Peter Marshall, one of America's great preachers and also served as Chaplain of the U.S. Senate. The prayer is simply entitled *Christmas* and the contents of this prayer help us keep focused on the essence of the season.

CHRISTMAS
by Peter Marshall



We yearn, our Father, for the simple beauty of Christmas -- for all the old familiar melodies and words that remind us of that great miracle when He who had made all things was one night to come as a babe, to lie in the crook of a woman's arm.

Before such mystery we kneel, as we follow the Shepherds and Wise Men to bring Thee the gift of our love -- a love we confess has not always been as warm or sincere or real as it should have been. But now, on this Christmas Day, that love would find its Beloved, and from Thee receive the grace to make it pure again, warm and real.

We bring Thee our gratitude for every token of Thy love, for all the ways Thou hast heaped blessings upon us during the years that have gone.

And we do pray, Lord Jesus, that as we celebrate Thy birthday, we may do it in a manner well pleasing to Thee. May all we do and say, every tribute of our hearts, bring honor to Thy name, that we, Thy people, may remember Thy birth and feel Thy presence among us even yet.

May the loving kindness of Christmas not only creep into our hearts, but there abide, so that not even the return to earthly cares and responsibilities, not all the festivities of our own devising may cause it to creep away weeping. May the joy and spirit of Christmas stay with us now and forever.

In the name of Jesus, who came to save His people from their sins, even in that lovely name we pray. Amen.



In His Peace and Joy,
Pastor Cary

CAROLING AT SHEPHERD'S GLEN



Over the last couple of years, we've had the privilege to reach out to the residents at Shepherd's Glen. I know they appreciate the time we share in fellowship, worship, and prayer. But, as so often happens, while we seek to be a blessing to others, we are the ones so richly blessed. Mark the date on your calendars, as we go to extend the love and presence of Jesus on **Sunday, December 16th, around 11:00am** (Immediately after Sunday School).

LOOKING AHEAD



Sunday, December 9th—Worship at 10am, followed by our annual Christmas Dinner in the Parish Hall!

Tuesday, December 11th—Council meeting@7pm

Sunday, December 16th—Caroling & Outreach at Shepherd's Glen after Sunday School

Monday, December 24th—Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 4:30pm.



Remembering Caroline L 'Toots' Devilbiss

Caroline Luella Devilbiss, age 98, of Uniontown died Tuesday, December 4, 2018 surrounded by her family, in the home where she was born, raised and remained, always an integral part of her community. Affectionately known as "Toots", she was born on May 20, 1920, a daughter of the late Thomas Leonard and Hilda Eckard Devilbiss. (From her obituary)

"Toots" Devilbiss welcomed countless neighbors, friends and travelers into the Devilbiss Store. There were plenty of first-time visitors, but no one left a stranger. Toots greeted everyone who visited with grace and a joy-filled calmness. Now, through her faith in Jesus, she has been welcomed by our Lord into His loving arms of mercy. Well done, Toots, well done. (Published by Alex Myers-12/4/18, on Mt. Union's fb)

The funeral service for "Toots" will be on Monday, December 10th, 11am, at Mt. Union Lutheran Church.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

For the Lord's healing touch: Buzz & Fran Bauernschub, Wayne Bell, Mary Lou Fenwick & Tom Fenwick, Larry Flickinger, Maxwell Jolbitado, Pastor Michael & Eva, Larry Miller, Grayson Morris, Ben Myers & Donna Lee Myers, Bob & Betty Myers, Harold Nelson, Marvin & Betty Nelson, Marlene Petry, & George Ricketts, Scott Senseney, Matt Sullivan, Eli Yanike,.

For our dear sister in Christ, **Caroline L. "Toots" Devilbiss**, who recently passed from this life into the blessed and everlasting arms of Jesus! Please remember her family and friends in the days ahead.

And for those serving valiantly in the armed forces: Brett Boston, Andrew McEnroth, Hunter Held, Warren Moore, Jeramey Justice, Ellie Gizinski, Benjamin Shifflett, David Martinez, & Jacob Gill.

In order to keep our prayers updated, please note there is a prayer list at the entrance to the sanctuary, which is updated at the beginning of every month. We welcome your prayers and we know the Lord hears us!

SALT & PEPPER LUNCHEON



Please Note: We will not be meeting in December. Our next **Salt & Pepper Luncheon** will be on **Tuesday, January 22nd, at 12 noon**. As we've shared before, our hope is to reach out to those who are 55 and older (but anyone is welcome!), not only for folks who attend our church, but also to those who live in the broader community. This gathering is a time of fellowship, sharing a meal, and enjoying a guest speaker.

December Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Anniversary to Larry & Doris Cain— December 4
Happy Birthday to Linda Nickles – December 5
Happy Birthday to Alex Myers – December 14
Happy Birthday to Lydia Myers— December 26
Happy Birthday to Emily Johnson—December 28

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