



Teays Valley Presbyterian Church  
*The Valley Viewer*



**DECEMBER**  
 2019



**Pastor's Point of View**



Greetings Dear Friends!

Advent Season is here! Hard to believe another year has almost come to completion and we enter this time of spiritual preparation and reflection. Advent is a time of looking back and a time of looking forward. We look back to that awesome time when the eternal Son of God stepped down out of heaven to be born as a Babe in Bethlehem.

Recently, TVPC has had an opportunity to reflect on the past 60 years of ministry in the Teays Valley as a church. We celebrated our past and shared memories of our life together as a church family. God has been faithful in our past.

Advent is also a time of looking forward to the return of Jesus Christ as the King of kings and Lord of lords. Advent brings us hope in the midst of the darkness around us. Advent reminds us that the Light of the World is coming back in all His majesty, glory and power! Advent reminds us that God keeps His promises!

As we prepare for the coming of Christmas and the future of Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, let us be encouraged. Let us worship and serve Jesus Christ with our whole hearts, minds and strength as we look to the future God has planned for us! The world needs Jesus today as much as it ever has. We have the answer. Let us shout it from the mountain tops and valleys, the Messiah has come, and He is coming again!

May the Prophet Isaiah bring us hope and encouragement for the journey before us:

“Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress...The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned...For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulder. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:1-6 selected verses)

Please join us in church this Advent Season as we share in this wonderful History of God’s love and provision for His people. Join us as we are reminded that God works in strange and wonderful ways.

Make plans now to gather as God’s called people to be Teays Valley Presbyterian Church! Sunday School begins at 9:00 am and the Adult Class is blessed with a new teacher, Tom Kish. If you haven’t tried Sunday School for a while, this is a great time to try it again.

Worship starts at 10:00 am and we will see what more we can learn and glean from sharing this wonderful, familiar story of God’s perfect plan being worked out on earth, as it is in heaven.

Make plans now to attend our Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service at 5:00 pm on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see you in church! Christmas is a great time to bring others to church with you!

Your Pastor and Friend, *Kyle*

# DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9am – Sunday School 10am- Worship	<b>2</b> 6:30pm- Boy Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm - Discipleship Ministry 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts	<b>6</b> 8am – PCS Developmental	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9am – Sunday School 10am- Worship	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm - Hannah Circle 6:30pm- Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 7:30 pm - Teays Farms Homeowners	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts	<b>13</b> 6-8pm – Parent’s Night Out	<b>14</b> 5pm - Oakwood Christmas Party
<b>15</b> <b>Bucket Brigade</b> 9am – Sunday School 10am- Worship	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Worship Team Meeting 6:30pm- Boy Scouts	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> 9AM – Preschool Sunday 11:30 Leaps and Bounds Christmas Program 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9am – Sunday School 10am- Worship	<b>23</b> 6:30pm- Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<b>25</b> <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>26</b> 6pm – Session Meeting 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9am – Sunday School 10am- Worship	<b>30</b> 6:30pm- Boy Scouts	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	<b>2</b> 1:00 Member Care Committee 6:30 pm - Discipleship Ministry 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts	<b>3</b> 8am – PCS Developmental	<b>4</b>

## From Ms. Emily...

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Youth Mission Month turned out to be a success! We spent the month of November getting acquainted with each other, learning how to serve, and putting that knowledge into action with our friends at Teays Manor. Our group spent one Sunday evening serving dinner and socializing with residents of Teays Manor- they even enjoyed an impromptu crochet lesson! In addition to earning community service hours, our participating youth gained an experience and perspective that only serving others can bring.

We now have a regular youth meeting on Sunday evenings from 4 to 6pm where our young people can come together for food, fellowship, and to learn about Christian service. Each month we will be devoting time and resources to a community service project, so if you have any suggestions or know of a need within the community, please let me know. Additionally, we will be continuing our work in the month of December and have scheduled our first meeting for December 1<sup>st</sup> from 4-6pm. If you know of any youth members who may be interested, please encourage them to bring attend and bring a friend.

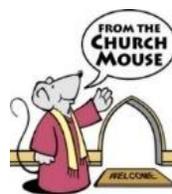
For our younger friends (3-12 yrs), we will again be offering a 'Kids' Night In' and a **Parents' Night Out** on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. We will be welcoming children in our community to come and spend the evening with us from 6-8pm for food, fun, and fellowship. Registration is now open for kids from preschool to middle school age and we are encouraging parents to email me at: [eperks@teaysvalleypresby.com](mailto:eperks@teaysvalleypresby.com), call the church office, or message us on our Facebook page

(@TeaysValleyPresby). This event fills up quickly, so we are requiring that everyone be registered before December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Once again, so much of what we want to offer in our children's programs is made possible by our faithful volunteers. If you feel moved to help or volunteer in any way, with any of our CYM, please let me know or find a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We can't do it without you!

If you have any questions about any of our children or youth programs, please let me know! I am also still accessible by phone and email.

Blessings, Ms. Emily



**Merry Christmas .... Happy Birthday Jesus ....** This is the third

time I have tried to send this page - so here goes ... The Church has been so busy with all the parties and OWLS had a delicious Thanksgiving Luncheon, hosted by Bill & Rose Hensley, then TVPC hosted the December meeting of the Presbytery of WV with a count of about 180 - Oshel Craigo arranged for Spaghetti Dinners along with bread and desserts plus he sent two of his staff to serve and handle the food - It was a great success - Member Care Task Force worked in full force with many other helpers - Bruce Davis & Greg White did a good job parking all attenders - the OWLS in December will be held at Shonets in Milton, hosted by Dianne Harrah...Here are a few Driving tips for winter car safety...Keep your gas tank filled above halfway to avoid emergencies ...Stuck on ice without sand or cat litter, take your mats out & place them next to the tires & inch the car across the mats ...Gently rub a moistened cloth bag of iodized salt on the outside of the windshield to prevent ice & snow from sticking ...Fog proof your mirrors & inside windshield by spraying shaving cream & wiping off with a paper towel ...I wish I could finish but

More next time .... Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas ... remember CM loves you!

## Christian Community Cupboard: Canned Soup (no broths)

Thank you to all who donated money for the purchase of holiday turkeys for those served by the Christian Community Cupboard. Our congregation contributed \$657 which, along with donations from other churches, enabled the Cupboard to purchase and distribute 300 vouchers for Thanksgiving turkeys.

In December, we will collect **CANNED SOUP** for the Christian Community Cupboard. Please purchase anything but broth and put your donations in the cupboard in the Narthex. As always, we also appreciate donations of plastic bags.

Thank you and have a Merry Christmas!

Barb Davis

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## O.W.L.S.



On November 19th, 23 OWLS met in the church parlor (Gathering Room) to have a Thanksgiving type lunch and much fellowship. The meal was hosted by Rose Hensley, and the table decorations were fantastic! A bunch of Thanksgiving cards were sent to cheer the recipients. The food served and prepared by Mary the Caterer, was turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, salad, and break pudding. Several take home boxes were sent to those too ill to attend. Rose asked everyone some trivia questions about Thanksgiving and many knew the answers. Until next month at Shonet's, Stay Sweet!

*All are welcome to attend OWLS functions, you don't have to be retired or old to enjoy the fellowship of Older, Wiser, Livelier, Sexier people.*



## CHURCH EVENTS / NEWS

### CHRISTMAS with the Manor

Mission team members are also planning a special treat for the residents of the Manor. We would like to give each of the 41 residents a Christmas tin of homemade cookies. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex during November for volunteers to bake cookies. The team is planning an evening gathering at the Manor to give the residents their Christmas tins of cookies and enjoy some fellowship together. Updated information about these plans will be in the Sunday bulletins.

Many thanks to Chris Key for organizing the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box mission. Please see the sample box in the Narthex and plan to help with this special mission. For any questions, speak with Chris.

**REMINDER...**We will be continuing our collection of oatmeal packets for the students at George Washington Elementary for the rest of the school year. We currently have enough donations to provide the 170 packets of oatmeal for November and December. As you see sales on the boxes of individual oatmeal packets, please consider purchasing some boxes and bringing them to church. You may leave them on the counter outside the church office.

### Mission Outreach Committee - Cookies Needed:



We need 60 dozen cookies to give to the Manor residents as a gift. The Mission Outreach Ministry Team is requesting volunteer bakers to help us with this mission. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Cookies need to be brought to the church on December 17 or 18th. Thank you !!!

### Donation to TVPC on your phone is now available!

Text **TeaysValleyPresby \$50 to 73256** (not a regular phone number). Be sure there are **NO SPACES** in TeaysValleyPresby. Change the donation amount if you want.

It will come back with a link to their site. Click on it then it will take you through the process to make the donation. If you want to pay the cost of the transaction, you can check the box.

A receipt will be sent to you once it goes through.

**OR you can go to:** <https://onrealm.org/TVPC/-/give/now> to donate!

**Please welcome our new TVPC member:**

***Elizabeth Mosteller***



### TVPC Meeting in November

Attached are some excellent pictures from the event.





## Hannah Circle

All women are invited to join us for an evening of Bible Study, refreshments and fellowship.



12/08 Diane & Roger Pauley  
12/16 Bruce & Barbara Davis



## BIRTHDAYS

12/02 Molly Brown  
  
12/05 Wyatt Gould  
  
12/10 Kyle Key  
Luther Cope  
  
12/17 Barbara Scoular  
Madison Gould  
  
12/21 Anita Yeager  
  
12/27 Diane Pauley  
  
12/30 Chris Key  
Tina Cobb

## Recent Prayers

ALICE BROYLES —healing  
PAUL CALLAHAN – neighbor of Bonnie Prisk  
LINDA CHAFIN – Health concerns  
BEN & TINA COBB – Pray for continued recovery  
CAROLYN DAVIS – Health Concerns  
PAT HEDRICK – Surgery recovery  
MICHAEL HENSLEY – treatment for cancer  
NANCY HILL – recovery  
CATHERINE KING –various health problems  
CHRIS LILLY – recovery from surgery (Pete & Bobbie's son)  
MARK NEWMAN  
ELIZABETH SCHUSTER FAMILY  
STU SCHWALM – Marci's dad, back pain  
JESSE SCHRADER – treatment for tumor  
ANTONIO SELARIO Becky King's son-in-law-recovery  
SHARON SHREVE – asking for strength and guidance  
RAY and BARB STRINGER  
JACK VAN DYKE  
DORIS WALL – cancer (Sandy Walker's Sister)

PRAY for our nation and our military  
PRAY for Missionaries and Christian Refugees

*If you have a prayer request, please contact:  
Pastor Kyle – 540-405-1042;  
Bill Hensley – 304-757-8599  
Or Dianne Harrah – 304-549-0026*

We are currently seeking an accompanist who is passionate about music ministry!  
For more information, send us a message or give our church office a call at 304-757-6073.



**Seeking an Accompanist**

AT  
TEAYS VALLEY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For More Info  
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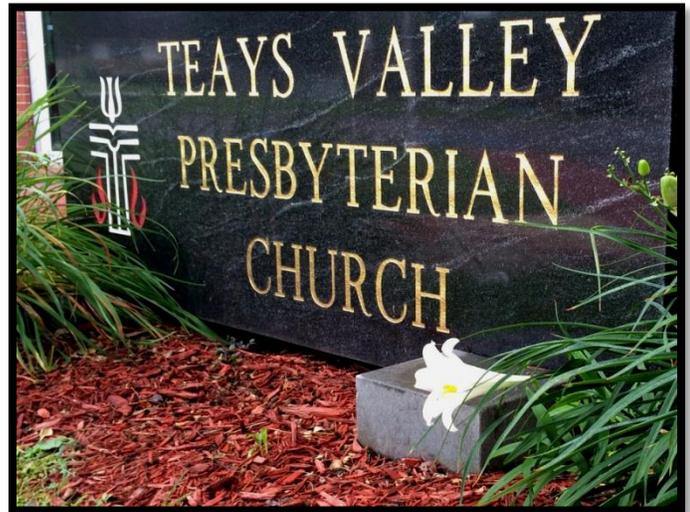
### OUR STAFF

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 Karren Sparks ..... Secretary  
**Now Seeking** ..... Accompanist

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 Leaps & Bounds Director

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**Cub & Boy Scouts**  
**Mondays at 6:30 pm**

**Women's Bible Study**  
**Wednesdays at 9:00 am**

**Praise Team Practice**

**Wednesdays at 5:30 pm**

**Chancel Choir**  
**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**

**Girl Scouts**  
**Thursdays at 6:30 pm**

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