**December 2, 2018**

**News of the Congregation**

**Meeting Reminders:**

**Monday, December 10th at 7:00p.m.** – Joint Board (P) with Elders (P) and Trustees (CR) to follow. Newly elected members are invited to attend.

**\*\*Friday, December 14th at 8:00a.m.** – Men’s Fellowship Breakfast Meeting at K&W Healy Drive. (new date this month only).

 ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

***This Week for Our Members:***

**Tootie Barbour; Al Butner; Doris Brame; Mary and Nelson Cannon; Roger Carmichael; Anne Collins; Oneita Dease; Michael Faircloth; Betty Fulp; Ruth Freeman; Barbara Giesler; Gayle Heck; Doug Ivester; Lillie Mae and Bob Joyce; Harvey Lunsford; Nancy Manuel; Ann and David Marcus; Lucy Millikan; Opal Miller; Linda Self.**

If you would like to add a member’s name to the prayer list, please call the church office and let us know.

***BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK***

 Today, 12/2 Amelia Hailey

 Monday, 12/3 Linda Overfelt, Rev. Scott Venable

 Thursday, 12/6 Barry King

 Friday, 12/7 Jean Lunsford, Tammy Wright

 Saturday, 12/8 Corky Flowers

***Pray for our Friends and Family Members in the Military:***

 **Steve Burcham** (Army-son-in-law of Noel Harris)

 **Jordan Hailey** (Navy – son of Jerry Hailey)

 **Daniel Millikan** (Army – son of Dianne & Alan Millikan)

 **Jeremiah Millikan** (Navy – son of Dianne & Alan Millikan)

 **Christian Nixon** (Army National Guard-nephew of

Candice & Rod Back)

 **Jason Phillips** (Air Force – nephew of Lewis)

 **Timothy Raiford** (Navy – nephew of Judy & Jerry Byerly)

 **Bryan Rose** (Army – grandson of Bob Cox)

 **Christopher Sanders** (Air Force – Albuquerque, NM)

 **Eric Tise** (Air Force-Italy – grandson of Lindsay)

 **Cameron Yokley** (Marine Reservist – son of Robin & Bill)

 **Stewards of Service for December 9, 2018**

**Ushers:** Lindsay Tise, Jerry Byerly, David Church,

 Ryan Church, Jeanne Willard

**Greeter:** Oneita Dease, Amy Mendenhall

**Worship Nursery:** Kathy Saylor

**Sunday School Nursery:** Carolyn Neal

**Sound System Operator:** Henry Hilker

**Elder of the Month:** Robert Rascoe

**Trustee of the Month:** Melissa Thompson

This morning, we light the star for the first Sunday in Advent. The Advent or Christmas star stays up and lit until Epiphany which is January 6th of next year. The story of how the star came to be is a remarkable one. The star originated in a geometry class for Moravian boys in Niesky, Germany around 1850. The class teacher told the boys to use geometry principles that they had learned in class, to create something new. During handicraft sessions at night, the boys created what evolved into the traditional star used today. The first stars were actually all different colors. Over the years, the most popular were the white, the red and white, and the yellow. All were original with the Moravians. After the 1880's the stars were produced in quantity in a large factory in Herrnhut, Germany. Through the sale of these stars, Christians around the world were introduced to the Moravian/Advent star. At Fairview we light a beautiful star in our sanctuary that came to us from Germany and is put together each year by the men of the church. The color of the points alternate each Advent season between white, and red and white. The Advent star represents the star that led the wise men to find the baby Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem that first Christmas. It also reminds us of Jesus' words in Revelation: "I am... the bright morning star" (Revelation 22:16)

***PRAYER CONCERNS***

***Continue to Pray for Family and Friends:***

 **Richard Beck** (father of Lanny Krause)

 **John Liddle** (friend of Pam Tatum)

 **Harold Poe** (brother of Jennifer Church)

 **Kimberly Stewart** (friend of Jennifer Church)





**Ladies Christmas Luncheon**

**All ladies of the church are invited** to a Christmas Luncheon in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, December 5th at Noon. The meal is being prepared by the Women’s Fellowship Executive Board and the cost is $6.00 per person.