

# The Grapevine



DECEMBER, 2018

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**“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). -Matthew 1:23.**

Christmas is a revelation of the nature of God. Through the Christmas event God reveals that it is His nature to want to be with us. This is a divine mystery beyond full human comprehension – that the Creator and Sustainer of all things would desire to be with us. When this revelation gets beyond mere intellectual acknowledgement that it is true, to Holy Spirit revelation in our hearts it will profoundly change our lives.

We will live with a sense that we are wanted. We live in a world where many of us do not always feel wanted. Some of us have experienced the pain of a spouse saying “I no longer want to be married to you.” Others have experienced the pain of applying for job after job and feeling like no one wants to hire you to work in your field. When the revelation of Christmas gets in our hearts it may not eliminate all the pain from being rejected in this world, but it will put the pain in proper perspective. We may not be wanted in some way in the world, but the good news of Christmas is that God wants us. We may even find ourselves saying within ourselves “so what if I have been rejected, the Living God wants to be with me.”

Some of you reading may have a hard time believing that God enjoys being with you. Though each of us has good qualities the reason God wants to be with you is that He is a God of self-giving love. He wants you to be wanted. In other words out of the goodness of His heart He has given you a status as a daughter or son. God wants to be with you not because of your nature, but because of His. He wants us you know the joy of being deeply wanted and loved by the One that matters the most – Himself. He wants this because He is love.

*Faithfully, Pastor Greg Morrow*

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# Christmas at Cove Spring Church



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT/COMMUNION: DECEMBER 02<sup>nd</sup>

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing. The focus of the entire season is preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent.

Communion will be offered on this Sunday.



## CHOIR CAROLING: DECEMBER 02<sup>nd</sup>

The choir is asking that you let them know of any shut-ins who would enjoy a visit from the church choir for caroling. The choir and all who want to go caroling for our home-bound friends will have a carry-in lunch right after morning service and then proceed to homes for caroling approximately 12:45pm. All are welcome to join the choir for this rewarding time of fellowship and caroling.

## CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY: DECEMBER 02<sup>nd</sup>

Beginning Dec. 02<sup>nd</sup>, the youth will offer in-church Christmas Card Delivery for a free-will donation. This fundraiser provides for future youth activities.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING: DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>

Enclosed with this newsletter, if by US Mail, will be a special Christmas offering envelope. The offering will be used for special needs of the church and various missions. Your gift may be returned to the church at the address on Page 1. Special envelopes will also be inserted into the Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

## CHRISTMAS EVE COVE SPRING ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA, CANDLE- LIGHT SERVICE



Don't miss this beautiful, spiritual service, offered by the Cove Spring Choir. Come early to get a good seat. The service will start at 8:00p.m.

## children's program



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

*What do Christmas decorations and ornaments really mean?*

*Let our children tell you.*

**Join us on December 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:30 AM for our annual Children's Christmas Program!**



**THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE CLASS** will for the first time this Christmas season sponsor a *Partners in Hope mission*. Partners in Hope, a nonprofit organization that is supported by a coalition of Troy churches, operates a "**Christmas Shop**" for two evenings, Dec. 11 and 12<sup>th</sup>. Parents who register and qualify pay \$10 and in return may choose gifts for their child(ren). Each family also receives cookies, books, and a ham or turkey. Gifts are wrapped on the spot after parents pick them out. The Friendship Class, from the "Fall Harvest Dinner" was able to make a donation of \$613 toward this mission, and has also helped with providing volunteers to help at the Christmas shops. If you are interested in contributing toward this mission through a donation or volunteering, please call Partners in Hope at 937-335-0448.

## CHURCH PANTRY ASSISTANCE

We find our church pantry a little low, and with the holidays upon us, are asking for donations of non-perishable food items in order to meet the possible needs of our community. Donations can be dropped off in the church kitchen and placed on the counter beside the water cooler.

Thank you so very much.

# Church News and Announcements

## **2019 YEARBOOK NEWS**

Calling all Church Officers, Teachers, and Calendar Committee Leaders. It's that time again to be thinking about the events and activities of this past year. A Year-Book committee member will be calling on you very soon for your reports.

**SOMETHING NEW!!!!!!** **Request:** Please submit a digital picture of your class or group (you can take a cell phone picture, for example) along with corresponding names to accompany your report and email to the requesting yearbook committee member any time in December. This will make our yearbook more personable and interesting.

We are looking forward to a timely completion of 2018 reporting for the New 2019 Yearbook Printing.



## **\$\$ BY THE WAY \$\$**

Doing a little "clean up" during the slow Winter months? Remember to set aside those good conditioned, no longer used items for the Cove Spring Church "Spring Rummage Sale!" Funds used for various missions of the church.



## **Christmas Cookie Exchange Dec. 16**

**What's Your Favorite Unique  
Homemade Cookie?**

If you bake a dozen (or more,) Take a dozen (or more.)  
Don't forget to bring bags or boxes to carry your  
exchanged cookies home.

Also, don't Forget To make a few copies of  
the Recipe to put with your cookies.

I heard a rumor that the men are going to try and bake  
the best tasting cookies over the women. We'll see!

## **TGIF -CORNER..**

**TGIF:** (Thanking God in Fellowship) Ladies will be meeting for dinner Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the home of Amy Eidemiller.

Please RSVP to Ann Horner (239-6750) by Nov. 30 if you are attending.

**All Ladies are welcome.**



## **Happy Birthday In December:**

Jim Faulder, Michelle Robbins, Jon Duff,  
Sandy Swigart, Kyle Matheny, Tim Knife,  
Tina Buntin, Dennis Zerkle, Jady Oakley,  
Amanda Bennett, Tom Freshour,  
David Manning, Lucy Taylor, Ric Knife,  
Ruby Long, Sally Wallace,  
Wilbert Hershberger, Blake Boyer,  
Lydia Reiter, Linda Bentley,  
Michelle Calvert, Laura Sutherly,  
Graham Morrow



## **December Anniversary**

*David & Janet Manning,  
John & Suzan Suber,  
Chris & Rebecca Russell,  
Wade & Diane Wilhelm,  
Randy & Denise Miller,  
Raymond & Phyllis Bair*

# Church Concerns, News and Announcements



## Prayer Concerns

Our Nation, Our President, Our Country,  
Our Service Men and Women

Our friends and neighbors and in our community who have  
lost, and are searching for employment.

Please pray for God's comforting & healing touch for the  
following:

### Families who have lost loved ones in November:

\*Frank and Widener families upon the passing of  
Janice Widener Frank.

### Those battling health issues or surgery:

- \*Jenny Petrick            Battling Cancer
- \*Joe Gustin             Battling Cancer
- \*Ty Hissong             Recovering from Open Heart Surgery
- \*Marvin Fox            Undergoing Medical Tests for a diagnosis.
- \*Bob Bowman         Recovery from Heart surgery
- \*Geraldine Roeser    Double Pneumonia
- \*Marilynn Rowe        Recovery from surgery
- \*Kim Metz              Diagnosed with breast cancer
- \*Jerry Zimmerman    Surgery to remove a kidney
- \*Rosy Calvert          In the process of testing for diagnosis
- \*Don Trostel          Injured in a fall and hospitalized.
- \*Virginia Benham     Complications from cancer.
- \*Jack Lockwood      Battling AFib heart condition

### Those battling Cancer:

- Jenny Petrick            Joe Gustin
- Sara Duff                Virginia Benham
- Tom Ashworth          Kim Metz

### THANK YOU:

*Just a note to thank you for the cards, prayers, and  
for the Saturday night suppers while confined to  
my apartment. Now things are back to normal.  
Thanks again.  
Josephine Urick*

## January 2018, Newsletter Deadline

Items for the January Newsletter are due on **Dec.23<sup>TH</sup>**.  
Please notify Lynda Mott at ([Lynda.mott05@gmail.com](mailto:Lynda.mott05@gmail.com))

## DEACON BOARD MEETING

Our Deacon Board meeting is scheduled for  
December 03, at 7:00pm.

## HOME GROUP BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

The Home Group Bible Study lead by Pastor Greg, has  
decided to take a break during the months of Nov. and Dec.  
due to the heavy activities of both the church and our  
families. We will resume in January.

New idea for January!! Have you ever had a question  
pop into your head as you read your bible, heard a sermon  
or participated in Sunday school lesson, but never really  
thought about checking it out or talking with the pastor or  
teacher???

Well, now is your chance to put together those questions,  
whether they seem insignificant, or not. Write it down and  
turn it in to Pastor Greg. We will go over these during our  
Home Group Bible Study when we resume in January. This  
will be a very interesting, fun, and educational way to start  
the new 2019 Home Group Bible Study class with it's much  
loved studies and fellowship.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our women's Bible Study, meets every Wednesday evening  
at 6pm. We are studying John, "*The beloved Disciple*"  
All ladies are invited to join us on our faith journey.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY DEC. 15th

The men's Bible Study class has been enjoying their  
study in God's work. The class meets every third  
Saturday morning of the month at 7:30 A.M. in the  
church basement. We look forward to your presence.

## Youth Group Meeting, Dec. 02

Sunday, Dec. 02, from 5:00PM to 6:30PM, is the  
next youth group meeting. All youth in grades  
6th – 12th are encouraged to attend.

\*The youth will be setting up the outdoor nativity  
scene. Dinner will be provided. Please let Pastor  
Greg know if you plan on attending.

\*The youth will also again be delivering your  
Christmas cards for a free-will donation. Proceeds  
will help fund their future activities.

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DEC. 11th

\*\*\*\*Our annual Christmas Luncheon!\*\*\*\*

We will meet Dec. 11, at 2 PM at Farmers Daughter in  
Urbana. More details to come.

**All ladies welcome!**

## DECEMBER USHERS:

Matt Gilliland & Tim Knife

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

<b><u>SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT</u></b>					
BEGINNING BALANCE OCTOBER 1, 2018					\$ 800.53
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
OFFERINGS					\$ 77.00
JR. CHURCH					\$ 64.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>					<b>\$ 141.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
BANK FEES					\$ 5.00
David Cook.					\$104.87
World Vision					\$ 35.00
Upper Room					\$ 46.00
World Vision					\$ 35.00
Blanket Sunday					\$ 50.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>					<b>\$(275.87)</b>
ENDING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2018					<u>\$ 665.66</u>
Marcia Knife, Treasurer					

**Cove Spring Church**  
**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**

	<b>Oct 18</b>	<b>Jan - Oct 18</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Basket Collections	\$ 3,251.00	\$ 35,620.73
Currency Envelopes	\$ 5,525.00	\$ 52,018.24
Special Offerings	\$ -	\$ 2,747.00
Mission Contributions	\$ 60.00	\$ 1,138.00
Fund Raising	\$ 520.00	\$ 2,923.00
Memorial Fund Contributions	\$ -	\$ 3,580.00
Music Fund Contributions	\$ -	\$ 1,358.81
Miscellaneous Contributions	\$ -	\$ 4,393.30
Parsonage Rent	\$ 675.00	\$ 7,425.00
Donated Salaries	\$ 249.99	\$ 2,499.90
Interest Earnings	\$ 37.76	\$ 2,397.89
Unrealized G(L) on Portfolio	\$ (2,554.97)	\$ (2,757.09)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,763.78</b>	<b>\$ 113,344.78</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Payroll Expense	\$ 5,060.74	\$ 53,722.85
Pulpit Supply & Education	\$ -	\$ 1,487.42
Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 161.05	\$ 867.95
Workers Comp. Ins.	\$ -	\$ 237.76
Church Business Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,440.89
Capital Improvements	\$ -	\$ 94,594.81
Trustee Expenses	\$ 212.66	\$ 12,652.92
Water System	\$ 83.00	\$ 494.00
Fuel Oil	\$ -	\$ 5,602.53
Electric	\$ 174.02	\$ 2,128.94
Telephone	\$ 613.39	\$ 1,197.94
Real Estate Taxes	\$ -	\$ 1,392.98
Liability Insurance	\$ -	\$ 2,540.50
Missions	\$ 60.00	\$ 1,313.00
Memorial Contributions	\$ -	\$ 1,854.30
Bank Charges	\$ 5.00	\$ 82.85
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ -	\$ 2,056.96
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 6,469.86</b>	<b>\$ 184,668.60</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,293.92</b>	<b>\$ (71,323.82)</b>

	<b>Oct 31, 18</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund	\$ 187,401.53
Memorial Fund	\$ 24,116.76
Music Fund	\$ 2,995.53
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$ 214,513.82</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 214,513.82</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,545.71
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 597.59
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 2,143.30</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Fund Balances	\$ 283,694.34
Net Income	\$ (71,323.82)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 212,370.52</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 214,513.82</b>

# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 First Sunday of Advent Angel Tree Gifts Due Youth Group Meeting at church 5:00PM Youth Christmas Card Distribution Choir Caroling 12:45PM	3 Deacon Board Mtg 7:00PM	4	5 Ladies bible Study 6:00PM Choir Practice 7:30PM Cantata Practice 8:00PM	6	7 TGIF 6:30PM	8
9	10	11 Women's Fellowship and Annual Christmas Luncheon: 2:00PM	12 Ladies bible Study 6:00PM Choir Practice 7:30PM Cantata Practice 8:00PM	13	14	15 Men's Bible Study 7:30AM
16 Christmas Special Offering Christmas Cookie Exchange Following Service.	17	18	19 Ladies bible Study 6:00PM Choir Practice 7:30PM Cantata Practice 8:00PM	20	21	22
23 Children's Christmas Program 10:30AM Newsletter Item Deadline	24 Christmas Eve Candle Light Service and Cantata 8:00PM	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28	29
30	31	<b>TO DO'S:</b> Look up that favorite cookie recipe. Bring your phone, camera to video your child in the Christmas Program Bring a non perishable food item for the church pantry Ready your Christmas cards				