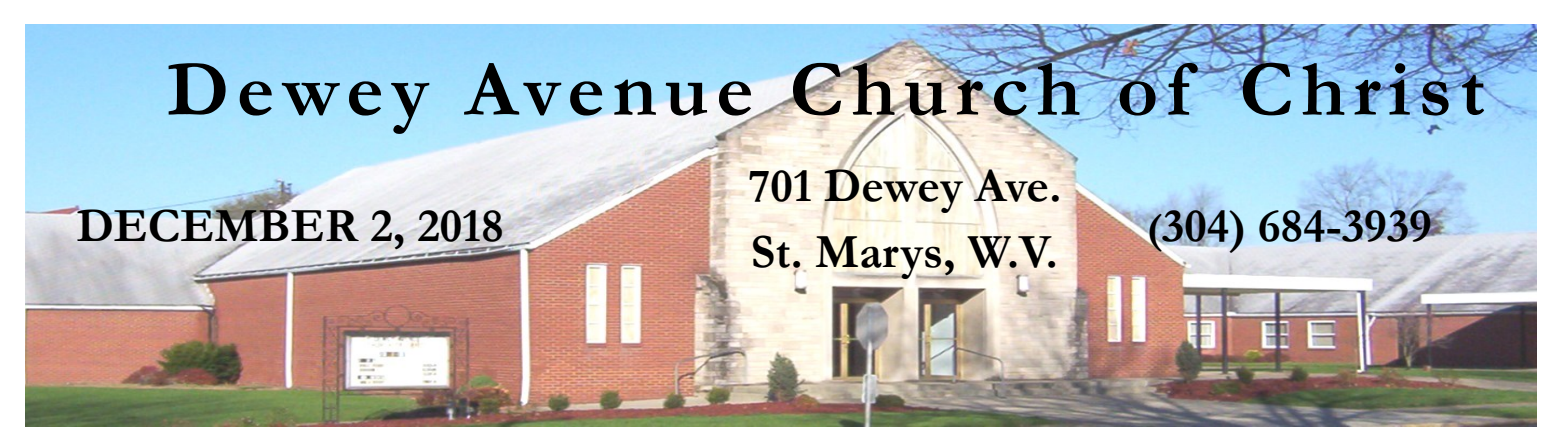


***** If anyone has a topic you would like for Dale to present a lesson on, you can write it down and please sign your name, in case Dale has any questions and place it in the box on the table in the back of the auditorium.**

*Any updates or information for the bulletin please contact Terri Parks @ 304-684-1141, email at terrinazelrod@hotmail.com or drop off in box by office door.

The Church is offering valet parking to anyone struggling with the commute from the parking lot to the building. If you need help, please let one of our elders or deacons know.

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A Christmas Wish

By David A. Sargent

Dennis Doughty has a Christmas wish...

“Let me share with you how I wish the world would celebrate Christ’s birth: When I was a boy in school, we had two holidays: one to celebrate Washington’s birthday, the other to celebrate Lincoln’s. On those occasions we would study about these men and what they did for our country. We studied about their work and their role as presidents. But we never studied anything about their births. I know of no facts or stories concerning the circumstances of their births.

I wish the world would celebrate the birth of Jesus the way it celebrates the birth of other men, by concentrating on His life. I wish [the world] nation would look more at His accomplishments, teaching, world influence, and death; than at the manger scene, the wise men, and the shepherds tending their flocks.

Yes, His virgin birth was special, miraculous, humble and unique. However, in our celebration, let us not lose focus on the man He became and how His life changed the world.”*

That Jesus was born into the world is something to celebrate! The incarnation, God becoming flesh in the person of Jesus (John 1:14), revealed the great love of God in that He came to us!

However, it is of utmost importance for us to understand WHY He came.

When Mary discovered that she was “with child,” an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:20-21).

Jesus came to save us from sin! That’s what makes His birth so special! When our sins rendered us doomed for eternal destruction, Jesus came to rescue us. And, in order to save us, Jesus – the sinless Son of God – had to die on the cross for our sins, be buried, and then rise again after three days (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

Jesus WILL save those who: place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). His atoning blood will continue to cleanse those who continue to walk in the light of His word (1 John 1:7).

The best way to celebrate the birth of Jesus is to recognize WHY He was born into the world (for our salvation) and to accept His gift on His terms.

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Upcoming Events

***Middle School/High School Christmas Party** this weekend at Paige Cook's home. Please see Paige Cook for details.

***December 30:** Birthday/Anniversary Potluck Dinner after evening services. All are welcome!!



Teachers Needed!

Teachers are needed for the winter quarter starting **today!** 3,4 and 5 year old class and High School class.

Material is in the library. Check the sign-up sheet in the foyer for openings.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank you all for the prayers and cards for my recent surgery and recovery.

In Christian Love,

Terri Parks

Bible Verse

But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

~ Psalms 3:3



Prayer list

*Ruth Eddy is in CCMH room 128. She will be there for a few days.

*John Rockhold is at Belpre Landings room 202 and Colleen Kiester is in room 309 at Belpre Landing .

Belpre Landing

1915 Hill St.

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*Jean Nazelrod is in CCMH room 185 and she will be there for a few more days before she is transferred to Health South.

*Paul DuVall is recovering from a fall. He is home starting limited therapy.

Cecil Cline, Gala Stewart, Dick Neely, Evelyn Hall, Louise Perkins, Paul Grubbs, David Stevens, Betty Bills, Jean Nazelrod, Charlotte Wilson, Colleen Kiester, Ruth Eddy, Jennifer Shultz, Dick Hall, Bill Dutton, Loraine Dutton, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Gail Mote, Madeline McFadden.

Church Sign:

December-Melvin Truax

January-

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Worship: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00

December 2nd

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Ushers: Ethan Davis, Richard Lee Davis

Communion: Larry Butcher, Thomas Kessinger, Richard Davis, Ed Wilson, Jason Cuzzen, Karson Elrod

Reading and Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Hall Monitors: Don Archer, Dave Lancaster

Evening Worship:

Communion: Connor Lancaster

Prayer: Larry Butcher

Closing Prayer: Joe Elrod

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Prayer: Dan Kessinger

Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

December 9th

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Ushers: Jesse Barnhart, Elmer Burns

Communion: Darren Parks, Lew Wilson, Ethan Davis, Fred Arnett, Rodney Ramsey, Camaron Lancaster

Reading and Prayer: Connor Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Dave Parks

Hall Monitors: Jesse Barnhart, Brian Mercer

Evening Worship:

Communion: Hal Powell

Prayer: Tom Becker

Closing Prayer: Caleb Parsley

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Connor Lancaster

Prayer: Buzz Williams

Closing Prayer: Darren Parks

Radio and TV Programs



Good News of Peace: Sundays: 8:00 AM on WRRR 93.9 FM

Gospel Broadcasting Network: Dish Network Channel: 9407 (noon); Direct TV Channel: 376 (7:30 AM)

In Search of the Lord's Way: 7:30—Channel 4, Parkersburg; 7:30—Channel 15, Parkersburg; 8:00— Channel 7, Wheeling; 11:30—Channel 5, Clarksburg

