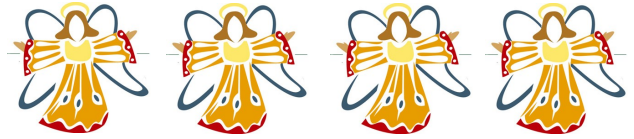


THE CUP



CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

'Join us for a drink of Living Water'



DECEMBER 2017

Pastor Scott's mother, Winnifred 'Winnie' Vaughn passed away suddenly in Dayton on November 29th after an extended illness.

Her Memorial Service will be held in Dayton after Christmas.

Please continue to keep her family in your prayers.



PRAYER

Dear Lord, it is a wonderful gift that you would hear my voice from your dwelling place, that you would regard my prayers. Thank you for this tremendous power you have bestowed on me. I request that you would never let me stray far from this strength that you have shared with us, your children. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL

David the Psalmist in Psalm 18 sings of the power of God, His power over death and Sheol, His power over nature, and His power over our circumstances. But by far the most important aspect of God's power is that He has made it accessible to "me." He has given us the power, that our prayers would be heard and answered by Him: "In my distress I called upon the Lord, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, even to His ears" (Ps 18:6). This is real power—that the Hand which can make the "earth (shake) and tremble," and the One who can make the "foundations of the world ... uncovered" by his "rebuke," would bend down his ear, hear my voice, and allow Himself to be moved by my prayers.

When we feel weak, and powerless in this world, let us try to remember the true power that is made available to us.

Paul Fanous, Sydney, Australia / Eastern Christian Focus



The Warm Tree

Please find it in your heart to help keep a needy family warm this winter. Please take an envelope from the

TREE and return it in the Offering Plate the following Sunday. We are delivering these checks to the Salvation Army this year for their utility assistance program, so please make your checks out to the Salvation Army.

We are such a generous congregation and the Deacons want to thank you for thinking of others this winter.



SHINE CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 13th (NO DINNER THAT NIGHT)



CAROLING

We will be Christmas Caroling for our Shut-ins on Wednesday Dec. 20th from 7-8:30pm. We'd love to have you join us. We'll meet at the church and return for hot chocolate and cookies afterwards.



CROSSCURRENT
Christmas Party

DECEMBER 17th
at 7pm



SHINE MUSICAL SUNDAY DECEMBER 10th at 7:00pm

In the small western town of Incarnation, Christmas is celebrated with grit, giddy-up and gusto! They like to think of themselves as "the most Christmassy town in the west." But 1891 is the year that two big "signs o' progress" could spell either trouble or opportunity. The railroad has finally punched through with the grand opening of Incarnation Station, bringing visitors for the first time from far and wide to take in their Christmas festivities. Round up some rambunctious cowpokes, some forward-thinkin' townsfolk, a manger on loan and a lot of raucous yee-haw for "The Loaned Manger."

Salvation Army Stocking for Pre-Teens

We are again filling stockings for older children this year. The ages are 12 - 15 year old girls and boys. Please take a stocking from the table in the back of church, fill it and return by December 11th. They will be delivered on the 12th. The directions for filling are inside the stocking. When you take a stocking, please write your name and phone number on the list on the table. When you return the stocking, please check off that you have returned it. Thank you for keeping our older children happy this Christmas!

Weekly Meetings...

Monday 1:00pm **Bible Study** (through December 18th)

Tuesday 3:00pm **Youth Small Groups** (Girls @ the Manse—through December 19th)

Second Wednesday 12:00pm **Game Day** (Christmas Party—December 13th at Grand Valley Inn) **Please see Laura Crawford with your reservation**

Thursday Morning Woman's Small Group 9:00am (through December 21st)

Mom's Group 9:45am (through December 14th)

3rd Thursday at noon **Lunch Bunch** (none scheduled in December)

Saturday Morning Men's Group 7:30am @ Eat n' Park (through December 16th)

CUP Library News

As the Christmas season approaches, you and your family may be interested in reviewing a DVD in our library entitled 'The Star Of Bethlehem', This 65 minute video explores the scriptures and reveals astronomical evidence to support this miracle that the Bible tells us marked the advent of Christ. The documentary was produced by Stephen McEveety who also produced 'The Passion of the Christ' and is presented by Rick Larsen.

Some other DVDs that may be of interest this advent season or any other time of year include:

'The Nativity Story' - With an approximate run time of 101 minutes, this video is a powerful and beautiful retelling of one of the world's most familiar stories. This is a family feature that is informative, inspirational and entertaining.

'The Story of God, The Story of Us' - Produced by The Work of the People and released by InterVarsity Press in 2010, this video includes 6 sessions on the central themes of the Bible.

'The Purpose of Christmas' - An eighty-five minute video led by best-selling author Rick Warren which uses scripture teachings from the gospel of Luke to help the viewer discover the true purpose of Christmas.

What better way to prepare our hearts for Christmas this Advent Season? Come, check out what our church library has to offer.

Paula Keefer, Cup Church Librarian

DECEMBER Calendar

<u>December 5</u>	5:45pm DEACONS 7:00pm WORSHIP 7:30pm TRUSTEES
<u>December 9</u>	9:00am SHINE Dress Rehearsal
<u>December 10</u>	7:00pm SHINE MUSICAL 'The Loaned Manger' with reception following
<u>December 13</u>	12:00pm Game Day Christmas Party @ Grand Valley Inn 3:00pm SHINE Christmas Party
<u>December 16</u>	9:00am Cantata Rehearsal
<u>December 17</u>	10:30am Christmas Cantata 7:00pm Crosscurrent Christmas Party
<u>December 19</u>	7:00pm SESSION
<u>December 20</u>	7:00pm Christmas Caroling-Shut Ins
<u>December 24</u>	7:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
<u>Every Monday</u>	1:00pm Adult Bible Study (thru 12/18)
<u>Every Tuesday</u>	3:00pm Youth Girls Small Groups @ Manse (through 12/19)
<u>Every Wednesday</u>	3:30pm "SHINE" After School program followed by Family Dinner @6pm (thru 12/13 resumes 1/31/18)
<u>Every Thursday</u>	9:00am Women's Small Group (thru 12/21) 9:45am Mom's Group in Youth Room (thru 12/14) 7:00pm Choir Practice
<u>Every Saturday</u>	7:30am Men's Breakfast@ Eat-n-Park (through 12/23)
<u>Every Sunday</u>	6:30pm Christianity Explored (ends 12/3) 7:00pm Crosscurrent (12/3, 12/17, 12/31-New Year's Eve Lockdown)



**DECEMBER 17TH
AT 10:30AM
'ONE SMALL CHILD'**



*Candlelight
Service of
Lessons and
Carols
7:00pm*



*At Christmas we celebrate
the mystery of the timeless
One entering time to
rescue His creation.*



Merry Christmas!

The Children and Youth at CUP Church have had a GREAT FUN FILLED YEAR!!

I want to wish you all a blessed and Merry Christmas!

Your sister in Christ,

Joel Cuniff - CUP Children and Youth Director

