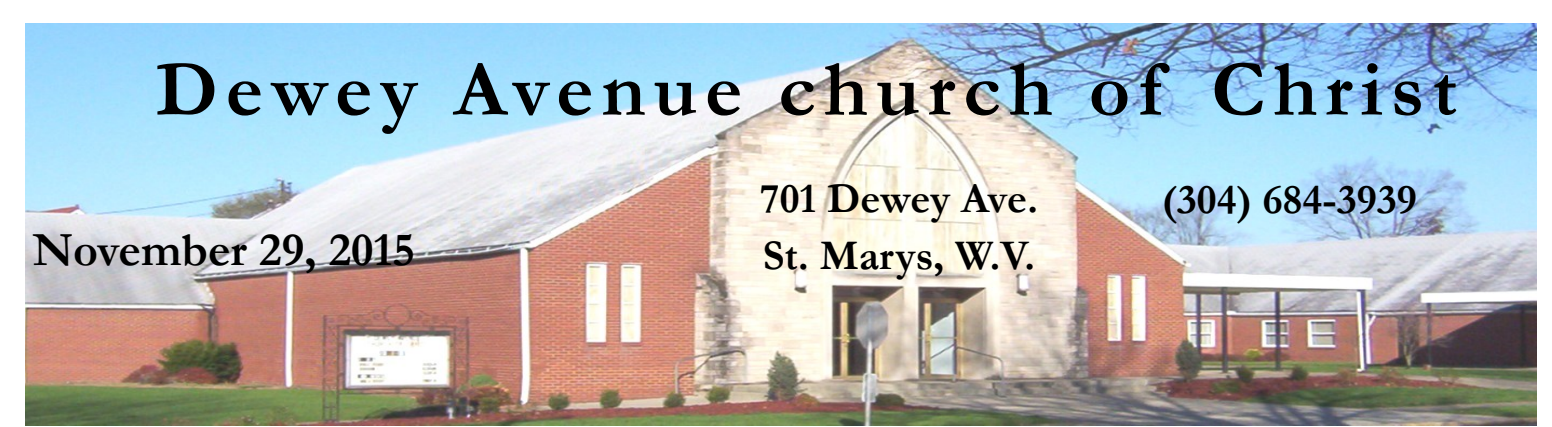


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The Gift of Us  
By David A. Sargent

Marjorie Tallcott was married and had one child during the Great Depression. The family managed to scrape their way through, but as Christmas approached one year Marjorie and her husband were disappointed that they would not be able to buy any presents. A week before Christmas they explained to their six year old son, Pete, that there would be no store-bought presents this Christmas. "But I'll tell you what we can do," said Pete's father, "we can make pictures of the presents we'd like to give to each other."

That was a busy week. Marjorie and her husband set to work. Christmas Day arrived and the family rose to find their skimpy little tree made magnificent by the picture presents they had adorned it with. There was luxury beyond imagination in those pictures – a black limousine and red speedboat for Dad, a diamond bracelet and fur coat for Mom, a camping tent and a swimming pool for Pete.

Then Pete pulled out his present: a crayon drawing of a man, a woman and a child with their arms around each other laughing. Under the picture was just one word: "US".

Years later Marjorie writes that it was the richest, most satisfying Christmas they ever had.

It took a present-less Christmas to remind Marjorie and her family that the greatest gift we can ever offer is ourselves, our presence. \*

Our sins separate us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2) and place us on the path to eternal destruction (Matthew 7:13-14).

But God loves us so much that He offers to us "His Presence." God put on human flesh in the Person of Jesus (John 1:14) to come and live among us and then to go to the cross as our perfect representative to die for our sins (2 Corinthians 5:21). Because of His atoning sacrifice, we may have salvation from our sins (Ephesians 1:7), the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23), and the presence of His indwelling Spirit (Acts 2:38).

In order to accept God's offer of salvation and eternal life, we must place our faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). Then, as we walk in the light of His Word, the blood of Jesus continues to cleanse us from sin (1 John 1:7).

Jesus came to this world and died for us so that God and we can become "US" – reconciled to God and together in God's family with the hope of living eternally with Him in heaven.

Won't YOU accept God's offer on His terms?



**NEWS AND NOTES:**

**Prayer Meeting:** Every Sunday at 6:00pm in the fellowship room.

**November 29th:** Birthday/Anniversary Potluck dinner after Sunday evening service. This will be an *Italian Feast* so please bring your favorite Italian dish and/or dessert!

**Potters Children's Home Collection:** November 30-Dec 10 they will be collecting the Coin Banks.

**December 5th: @3:30pm.** There will be a **Yankee Swap/Cookie Exchange** at the home of Clay & Rhonda Perkins. Each adult who wishes to participate in the Yankee Swap should bring a wrapped gift ranging in price \$5-\$15. (Can be a gag gift.) Children wishing to participate in exchange should bring a wrapped gift in the \$1-\$5 range. The cookie exchange should include 2 dozen cookies along with the recipe. **Sign up's in the back!!** **Holiday Baskets**— We will be collecting items to fill baskets for our shut-ins. These items may be given to Clay Perkins or brought on the day of the Yankee Swap.



**Winter Training Series**

**Thursdays 7:00-8:00 P.M.**

**January 7th– 28th**

*Roger Rush - Marriage and the Family*

*Andy Robison – Sermons from Songs*

*Ed Melot - Bible Geography*

*Randy Baker - 1 Thessalonians*

**December 10th:** CareHaven Sing at 7:15pm

**December 12th:** Breakfast Planning Meeting

**December 13th:** Teen Holiday Party 4-6pm. At the home of Larry & Delores Butcher. Please Bring a \$5-\$10 gift to exchange. Bring a friend! RSVP

*\*Any updates or information for the bulletin please contact Terri Parks @ 304-684-1141 or email at terrinazel-*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**



\*Calvin Fauss passed away this Thursday. Visitation will be at the Ingram Funeral Home on Sunday 12-2p.m. with the funeral service at 2p.m.

\*Scott Judge has a heart catheterization on Dec 11.

\*Cold and Flu season is among us again please keep those that are battling sickness at this time in prayer.

\*Please remember the many traveling this holiday week.

**Remember those on our prayer list:** Barbara Eddy, Claris Powell, Terry Hubner, Kenny Lancaster, Pat Duer, Sue Holland, Evelyn Hall, Geraldine Stewart, Dana Dalrymple, Myles Manning, Sonny Williams, & Madeline McFadden. Remember those who are shut-in, receiving cancer treatments, traveling and our military.

**Schedule of Services:**

**Sunday:**

*Morning:*

Bible Class: 9:30

Worship: 10:30

*Evening:*

Prayer Meeting: 6:00

Worship: 6:30

**Wednesday:**

Bible Study: 7:00

**THOSE SERVING November 29th:**

*Morning Worship:*

**Announcements:** Craig Dutton

**Song Leader:** John Rockhold

**Ushers:** Glen Stewart, Elmer Burns

**Communion:** Larry Butcher, Brian Mercer, Cole Butcher, Thomas Kessinger, Clay Perkins, Darren Parks

**Reading and Prayer:** Gerald Burns

**Closing Prayer:** Connor Lancaster

**Door Greeters:** Darren Parks Family, Kevin Mercer Family

*Evening Worship:*

**Communion:** Glen Stewart

**Prayer:** Kyle Lancaster

**Closing Prayer:** Tom Becker

*Wednesday:*

**Song leader:** John Rockhold

**Prayer:** Clint Perkins

**Closing Prayer:** Buzz Williams

**THOSE SERVING December 6th:**

*Morning Worship:*

**Announcements:**

**Song Leader:**

**Ushers:**

**Communion:**

**Reading and Prayer:**

**Closing Prayer:**

**Door Greeters:**

*Evening Worship:*

**Communion:**

**Prayer:**

**Closing Prayer:**

*Wednesday:*

**Song leader:**

**Prayer:**

**Closing Prayer:**



**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

