



Throughout the month of January, we will be presenting a sermon series, entitled "They Met Jesus."

These sermons were presented at the Sycamore Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, throughout the summer months of 2018. Jay, Chris, and Olivia Monteiro had the opportunity to attend Sycamore Presbyterian in July and were particularly blessed by the ministry of this church. Rev. Dr. Larry Kent, along with the other pastors of the church, put together a 12-week long sermon series, "They Met Jesus", about "minor characters" in the Bible – Those who may or may not even be called by name, but who had

encounters with Jesus that changed their lives, and their stories have relevance to our lives – even today. We have selected four sermons from this series that we believe will bless our church during the cold month of January.

As a teaser, we give you the titles – If you are interested in knowing more about each of the topics, come to church each week! We will share scripture, song, and prayer "live", and will show the sermon on-screen. After the sermon, if you are interested, we can take an opportunity to talk about the sermon, and maybe take the subject a little further along, and see what unfolds.

**January 6: A Mother-In-Law who "Got It"**

**January 13: A Small Man With a Big Turnaround**

**January 20: A Sassy Woman From the Coast**

**January 27: A Stressed-Out Servant**

We really hope you will take advantage of this different way to worship together. It is outside of the box, but please know that the sermons are not the only thing that bind our congregation together. Loving one another and spending even a precious hour or so together in our beautiful sanctuary, in fellowship, prayer, and praise, blesses us and our church in immeasurable ways. Bring a friend or two to experience the spirit and warmth of Waterman Presbyterian Church. **See you in January!**

### Thank you to:

...our Deacons and helpers for decorating our church and making it more glorious during this Blessed Season!

.... our December pulpit supply Pastors:

**Sunday, December 2nd...**Our Communion with Reverend Robert Conner.

**Sunday, December 9th....** Our Worship with CLP Charles Johnson.

**Sunday, December 16th....**Our Worship with CLP Charles Johnson.

**Sunday, December 23rd....**Our Worship with Reverend Mary McKinney

**Sunday, December 30th....**Our Worship with Guest Speaker Christine Monteiro.

.... our 2018 Advent Acolytes, Sue Rood, Dave & Mary Stryker, the Monteiro family and the Russell family.

... Linda Loudermilk, Dave & Mary Stryker, Susan Eichelberger and anyone else that participated in providing the luncheon after our Worship on Sunday, December 23rd.

... to everyone who donated items for the NICE Center Christmas room during the months of November & December.

...to our members and friends who donate time, energy and items, we are so thankful and blessed to have you!!!

~**Please Pray for:** The family of Emiline Rood, The family & classmates of Joyce Farnsworth, Amber Barshinger, The Family of Tony North, Floyd Hunt, Kate Derry (Rev. Lupole's daughter) Jeanetta Boughton, The Family of Leota Huff, The Family of Wilma Carroll, The Family of Tom Maple, The Family of Phyllis (*Jodie*) Shuck, The Family of Norman Johnson, The Family of Reverend Robert Conner, The Gaston Family, The Jimenez Family, Frank Bilardello and Our Church. **Our military personnel:** Staff Sgt. Vadon Loudermilk Jr., Major Garrett Slack & Major Bob Mitchell.

**Next Session Meeting  
Wednesday, January 30th,  
6:30 pm.**



**UMPEC delivered several food baskets in December.**  
**Thank you to all who assisted in compiling and deliv-**

There are a few churches that support NICE by doing a monthly collection of a named item from their congregations. It is usually an item that is expensive for the Center to buy or that is very popular. For the month of January we would like to collect canned soups. The items can be put into the collection box in the narthex. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for what we will be collecting each month. **Again, thank you for your support. The families that come to the NICE Center are very appreciative of all that you do!!!!**

The per capita assessment for 2019 is \$38.47: (GA: \$8.95; Synod: \$3.81; Blackhawk Presbytery: \$25.71)

**WOW** will return on Thursday, January 17th, 2019, with a Movie Kick-Off, and the following Thursday, January 24th, we will resume our study on "Acts: Kingdom Power". This study is guiding us through the birth of the Church and the dynamic principles which enabled Jesus' followers to change the world. Along with our study guide book, we are also using teaching videos by Ray Vanderlaan which challenge us to be true followers of Jesus and help us proclaim the 'Good News' in the midst of a world of false gospels.

It's not too late to enroll for this study! We have only completed 2 weeks of this 12 week study. Cost is \$12, scholarships available. Our sessions begin at either 9 a.m. (Children's Program available) or 6:45 p.m.

For more information, to register, or for a ride, please contact Sue Hipple at 815.264.3979 or [sjhipple23@gmail.com](mailto:sjhipple23@gmail.com).

WOW wishes everyone a Happy New Year!

Please have all Annual Reports into the church office by Monday, January 14th, 2019.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, February 17th.

Hope Haven: Wednesday, January 30th.

It will be the Waterman United Methodist's turn to serve. Watch for a sign-up sheet.

Thank you to all who donated towards the Fireside Luncheon. We had a great turnout and lots of compliments on the delicious food, beautiful church and the warm Fireside setting. Many thanks to the cooks, dishwasher, ticket sellers, servers, music, and our dishwasher. We will be sending the Nice Center a check for \$500!!

Submitted by Linda Loudermilk



December 17, 2018

On behalf of the Neighbor's in Christ Ecumenical Center, I would like to thank you for your generous donation.

Your gift of \$500.00 (Check# 249), will help our organization fulfill its mission. Wherever there is a need, we try to help as many families as we can in our NICE community with food, clothing, furniture and any need that arises. Sometimes all they need is a little love from us to help them keep going! We all get such a warm feeling from just listening and helping.

We rely on donations to keep our center functioning. The people of this community have been very generous with their help. "We are people helping people!"

We are very blessed by having so many caring people like you who give of themselves.

Our thanks for your generous gift.

Sincerely,



N.I.C.E

This letter will serve as your receipt for tax purposes and certify that you did not receive any goods or services in exchange for your donation. Thank you for caring and helping when your neighbors need your help the most.

## People Helping People

The NICE Center, located in Lee, Illinois, is open every Saturday from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. All clothing and food items are free and have been donated from various people within the community. **We will be in need of volunteers to staff the facility for the month of February.** Please check the bulletin board in January for the sign up sheet.

## Happy January! Open Hands Preschool news!

We hope all our families had a wonderful, rejuvenating break! Our December was filled with learning all about the birth of Jesus and celebrating with family.

This month, we will be learning all about winter and reading nursery rhymes and fairy tales. Science skills will be used as we investigate weight on our scale and explore what happens in the winter. Fairy tales give us a chance to learn all about patterns, predictions, and more! We will work on our language, letter identification, and use our imaginations!

Our Christmas program was such a success! Our students did GREAT! Thank you so much to all of our families for joining us, as well as the Open Hands Board, both churches, pastor Paul, and everybody who helped make our program a success.

Thank you to ALL who helped our program during 2018! We are thankful for you!

We are looking forward to a wonderful and happy new year at Open Hands Preschool.

Please remember that school starts again on January 7th, 2019. See you then!

### Poinsettias

#### *In Memory/Honor of:*

Clyde & Mary MacDougall  
Everette MacDougall

Jack Wild  
Janet Wild

Alice & Lawrence Baie  
Marjorie & Jack Meredith  
Wayne Stryker

Carl & Marion Larsen,  
Julius & Marcella Monteiro

Dimon & Melba Roberts  
Nellie Roberts

Tony & Dixie North  
Paul G. Johnson  
Keith & Erline North  
Harry & Betty Houghtby

Robert & Lucile Brines  
Walter & Irene Eichelberger

Susanne Brown  
George & Alice Claybaugh  
Kristin Barrett

#### *Given by:*

Herb & Donna Leifheit  
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Jay, Christine, & Olivia Monteiro  
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Mary & Dave Stryker  
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Brent, Jay, Christine & Olivia  
Monteiro

Melba Speelman  
Melba Speelman

North, Johnson & Russell Families  
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David & Susan Eichelberger  
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The Conley Family  
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(Revised listing)

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