

Reminder: With the holiday break, the next issue of the Norcatour News will be published Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Norcatour Royal Neighbors met at the Cardinal Café on Dec. 10 for their annual Christmas dinner. After Christmas cards were signed, the group adjourned to city hall for a short meeting to elect new officers. Those elected were: Oracle - Dorothy Woods; V. Oracle - Estella Harold; P. Oracle - Arlene Hix; Recorder - Lora Arnold; Chancellor - Maxine Brooks; Marshall - Beth Johnson; Assistant Marshall - Joyce Price; Sentinel - Neoma Tacha. A gift exchange was held, and door prizes were won by Maxine Brooks, Olive Arnold, Neoma Tacha, Dorothy Woods, Esther Miller and Gary Miller.

The Three Prairie Unit gathered at the Norcatour Cardinal Café on Dec. 11 for their Christmas dinner. Cards were signed for shut-ins and those in nursing homes. Those present were Lee and Lora Arnold, Claire and Mary Lesle, Oran and LaVerne Milner, Norma McCallister, Estella Harold, Helen McVay, Marguerite Clark and Bee Nelson.

Dorothy and Kenneth Ward received word that his sister, Flora

Johnson, died unexpectedly on Dec. 7. She lived in a retirement center in Eugene, Ore., but spent most of her life in Springfield, Ore. Her funeral was Friday, Dec. 12.

Bob and Bernadine Shick plan to be in Kansas next May for their granddaughter's graduation from Fort Hays State University, and her wedding, which will be the same day.

On Dec. 1, the Norcatour Royal Neighbors were invited to a Christmas dinner in Cambridge, Neb. Those attending were Dorothy Woods, Maxine Brooks, Olive Arnold, Joyce Price, and Lee and Lora Arnold.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Justine Miller - Dec. 17; Tom and Betsy Jakowski - Dec. 19; Jim Bob Beachel, Frank Ward, Sandy Gade, Carissa Wentz - Dec. 22; Ronald Anderson, Dec. 25; Fred Molzahn, Lynn Ward - Dec. 26; Bill and Bee Nelson - Dec. 28; Beth Sebaugh, Galen and Jamie Wentz - Dec. 31; Darrel Barnett, Megan Wentz - Jan. 2; Chris Dempewolf, Rod Leichter, Jeff and Lori Roe - Jan. 3; Mike Mapes - Jan. 6.

Word has been received of the death of Louise Hasenyager Fountain, 88, of Hemet, Calif., on Dec. 12. She graduated from Norcatour

Rural High School in 1933, and was a sister of Doris Wallack of Norton.

NEW ARRIVAL
Delaina and Joslyn Smith have a new sister, Cally Wren. Cally was born Dec. 5, at the Norton County Hospital. She tipped the scales at 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 17 inches long. Parents are Jack and Jessica Smith of Norcatour. Maternal grandparents are Tim and Diane Leffler of Norcatour. Paternal grandmother is Sharon Batson of Norton.

Doug and Chris Dempewolf met Rodney Leichter in Seibert, Colo., on Dec. 7, then went to Denver to watch the Denver Broncos and Kansas City Chiefs football game. Ron Leichter, who had bought the tickets, met them at the stadium.

Brittany Thornton of Lincoln, Neb., was also a guest of the Dempewolfs for Thanksgiving. Rex and Merle Cozad, Hutchinson, were Thursday, Dec. 11, callers at the Virgil Price home.

Virgil and Joyce Price accompanied Kenneth and Pansy Price to Grand Island, Neb., where Kenneth had a doctor's appointment on Dec. 12. On Sunday afternoon, Virgil and Joyce Price visited his sister, Virginia Britton, in Norton. Michael and Kay Snodgrass came that evening for supper.

Martin and Evelyn May were Wednesday evening dinner guests of Jack and Mildred Fortin and Charles to celebrate Martin's birthday.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields were Friday overnight guests of Mike and Nancy Shields, Omaha, and attended the graduation of their grandson, Brett Shields, Saturday morning from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He received his degree in business administration. They returned home Saturday afternoon.

Garrett and Gage Scott spent Saturday afternoon with their grandparents, Jerry and Connie Olson.

Saturday evening guests at the home of Richard and Delayne May, Brianna, Danica, and Nolan, for a soup supper and their May family Christmas celebration were Walter and Betty May; Roland and Pam May, Zachary and Hannah; Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin; Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth; Robert and Sally May and Cole; and Carrie Nichols, Dustin and Tyler.

Quintin Cundiff and Ladd and Greta Wendelin, Seward, Neb., arrived Friday to spend Christmas break with their families, Greg and Janice Cundiff, and Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory.

Kristen Bremer, Beatrice, Neb., arrived home Sunday to spend Christmas at the John Bremer home.

Shirley Shields, Dianne Bremer, Jody Betts, Cheryl Metcalf, Judy Shirley, Becky Vollertsen, Carol Morford, and Carol Shirley enjoyed

a Christmas party hosted by Karen Metcalf and Judy Ostmeyer Sunday afternoon at the home of Karen Metcalf.

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Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Julie Geisinger of Selden and Ann Martin met Lucy Evans for lunch in McCook last week.

Guests for a pre-Christmas gathering at the home of Chris Wood recently were Esther Pennington, Helen Marintzer, Beth Hraha and Ann Solko.

Goldie Oldies met at the Down Home Café on Dec. 11. Those present to help Helen Marintzer celebrate her birthday were Wilma Bobinmyer, Ann Martin, Anna Mae Ketterl, Dorothy Engleman, and Lillian Wahrman.

St. Mary's Christian Altar Society met Dec. 14 at St. Mary's Hall with 14 members present for their Christmas Tea. Lila Leitner, president, opened the meeting with prayer. Theresa Rippe installed the following 2004 officers: Lila Leitner, president; Julie Hafner, vice president; Wilma Tongish, secretary; and Nadine Green, treasurer.

Gifts were opened during traveling bingo. Julie Hafner won black-out bingo and door prizes were won by Theresa Rippe and Ann Martin. Mrs. Rippe also won the M&Ms guessing jar.

The Herndon City Library board met Dec. 10 with all members, Ann Martin, Edie Pettera, Jo Harris, Ollie Hafner and Wilma Tongish, present. Ollie Hafner resigned and Evelyn Lorentz will be the new board member. The library is open from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, but will be closed Dec. 26. The library has purchased 73 new books this year. Following the meeting, members had lunch at the Down Home Café.

Recent visitors of Monica Solko were Ron and Rodney Solko, Oberlin; and Tom and Patrick Solko.

Tony and Bev Kleidosty spent last weekend with Mildred Kleidosty.

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Michael Domsch of rural Atwood visited last Sunday with Frank and Wynemah Cox and helped decorate for Christmas.

'It's Never Too Late'

By Bill Duncan, Oberlin Church of Christ

O, Come Let Us Adore Him, Jesus Christ, The Lord.

Jesus Christ is worthy to be adored, regardless of how many people choose not to, other than in Christmas celebrations. He is worthy of our love, our worship, to follow, to serve, to live and die for.

The Holy Bible brings this good news about Jesus. God's selected writers of the Old Testament (about 40 different men, living at different times over a span of about 2,000 years), wrote by divine inspiration. These writings included over a hundred prophecies of a special man who would appear some day on the earth. He would be God's anointed king, would be born of a virgin, in Bethlehem, and would be Immanuel, God among us. He was, and is, the Messiah. He lived before his birth. He is—"I AM the I AM". In Him is truth and life. All Old Testament prophecies came true in Him. Check it out.

In 1969, a professor, Peter Stoner of Westmont College, revealed statistics about Jesus and prophecies:

The probability of only EIGHT Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in one person from all persons to the present equals: 1 x 10¹⁷ to 1, or 100,000,000,000,000,000:1 odds. He illustrates thusly: "If the total land mass of the earth was totally covered with 1 1/2 in. sq. white ceramic tiles, and only one was red on the bottom side, and a designated person would wander a lifetime to make one choice to find the red one, the above odds would be against being right the first try." But Jesus Christ was the one and only person to fulfill not 8, not 48 (another story), but over a hundred specific prophetic facts in himself.

But, for those who don't care about all of this, just remember over a billion people a day, believers and otherwise, acknowledge the reality of Jesus. How? Whenever a check, letter or anything else is dated, it is written as the year 2003 A.D., or 2,003 years since the birth of THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

I also acknowledge and worship Him in my heart, soul, mind and spirit. How about you? It is never too late to join in.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
122 S. Penn Ave., Oberlin
785-475-3103
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam,
The Rev. Mr. Stan Chapin,
MASS: 10 a.m. Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday

OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Arlin Cochran, Minister
539 E. 2nd St., St. Francis
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.

JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS
Glenn Krebs, pastor
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

DRESDEN PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.

HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.

HIGH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
122 S. Penn Ave., Oberlin
Pastor Steve Smith
Phone 785-475-3844
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Service 7 p.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
Rev. Barbara and/or Nolan Pierce
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Choir practice every Wed. at 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion, 1st Sun. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Wed. at 8 p.m.

OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
Pastor: Bobby Cornelius
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., AWANA Club 4-7 p.m.; Evening Service, 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.

OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST
102 North Cass — 785-475-3067
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD
The Rev. Royce Leitner
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible study, 7 p.m. King's Kids, 6:30 p.m.; Youth, 8 p.m. Women's Group, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2 p.m.

OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Beaver and Mill
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. Junior Worship, grade 3 & down; 2nd Sundays: All-church dinner. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Home Bible Studies, 7:30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
The Rev. Damian Richards
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.

HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Keith Reuther, Pastor
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
The Rev. Heidi Wiebe
810 West Cedar, Oberlin
Office Phone 785-475-2769
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

LUND COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor: Tom Smith
10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. SATURDAY: Men's breakfast & Bible Study, 7 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
510 North Wilson
Interim Pastor: Don White
Secretary: Norma Unger
785-475-2333
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; Tuesday: Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
404 North York Avenue
Oberlin, Kansas
Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053
SUNDAY: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. Congregation Council, third Sunday, 10:45 a.m. Youth Group, first and third Sundays, 10:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Confirmation class, 6:30 p.m.; Women's Bible Study second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.



Please join the Decatur Co-op in wishing Frank McEvoy a Happy Retirement!

We will be holding an open house in Frank's honor Tuesday, December 30th from 1 to 4 p.m. Join us for cake, cookies and coffee!

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