

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men! Luke 2:14

This is what the angels said to the shepherds the night Jesus was born, and the Bible tells us that when the shepherds had seen the baby, "they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds." Luke 2:17-18.

This verse is appropriate for us this Christmas for two reasons. First, the Bible Study Class which includes Nadine Anderson, Eva Bryan, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Edla Olson, Leona Helmkamp, Lucy Schissler, Violet Schissler, Jan Conway, Dorothy Pryor, Katherine Post, Evelyn Olson, Myrtle Ross, Leone Porsch, Lora Zwickle, Faye Miller and sometimes Elsie Macy, Elaine Thomas, Marguerite Clark, Alan Adleman, David McGee and R.D. Thornton, have been studying the birth of Christ from lots of different perspectives in preparation for this Christmas.

We have looked in depth at many Bible characters surrounding Christ's birth, the fulfillment of prophesy and how all of it affects us today. All of those who have attended have marveled at those things which have been told to them through God's Word. It has illuminated the season. Don't be surprised if they make widely known that which they have been told concerning this Child.

This brings us to the second reason this verse is appropriate; Jesus is why the Good Samaritan Society was founded. He sets us apart from other nursing facilities that provide good care, but lack the spiritual emphasis of serving others. "In Christ's Love, Everyone is Someone" is our motto and we strive to grow our staff and residents in His love and

understanding, so that our mission will be carried out and be made widely known. We just received a Five Star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for which we give God the glory. It is our privilege to love and care for your family members. Thank you for entrusting them to us.

This week we celebrated Christmas with lots of children. Mrs. Sattler's first grade class came to share a story and a gift. The DCHS Singers and Chanté group gave a delightful performance. The band students delivered Christmas Grams. The Faith Lutheran Kids came playing bells and singing, and the Oberlin Elementary School sent more carolers to serenade the residents during lunch.

Children bring an exuberance of joy to our hallways; we never tire of their sweet little faces. Those of you in charge of children's performance groups, please know they are invited any season of the year!

Last Friday, Lucy Schissler, who is our Resident Council president, proudly presented a check for \$2,086 to Greg Lohoefer for our contribution to the new Golden Age Complex. Thanks again to everyone who helped us raise these funds during our 2008 Rockathon.

Visitors last week were Ralph Crim (Atwood) and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Julia Otter for **Leone Porsch**. Jessi and Corbin Luck (Hays) and Alyce Avery for **Amy Rehm**. Chris Dempewolf, Bob Strevey (Norcatour) for **R.D. Thornton**, Pooch Portschy, Marguerite Clark and John Ready. Ron Snyder (Colby), Penny Fringer and Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**. Sharon Slabaugh and Brian, Pam and Nathan Simonsson for **Opal Bryan**. Janet and Nathan Rippe for **Marguerite Clark**.

Have a blessed and Holy Christmas!

Early Deadlines for the Holidays THE OBERLIN HERALD

will be closed December 25, 26 and January 1, so our employees may enjoy the holidays.

The Country Advocate deadline for the December 31 issue was noon on Tuesday.

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