



Who is this?

*Who is this, so weak and helpless, child of lowly Hebrew maid,
Rudely in a stable sheltered, coldly in a manger laid?
'Tis the Lord of all creation, who this wondrous path hath trod;
He is God from everlasting, and to everlasting God.**

Merry Christmas from the Morehouses!

Bill and **Susan** are starting to contemplate what “winding down” might look like on the way to Bill’s planned retirement in June 2018. In the meantime, both are still going full tilt in practice and service in the broader community through the ministries of His Branches and have just returned from a wonderful 4-person tour of the Canadian Rockies with Bill’s sister and brother-in-law Gail and Dick.

A quick update about our growing offspring and grandchildren:

Sarah and **Carl** have their hands full in New Jersey with their energetic twin toddler boys, **Carter** and **Weston**, while both hold responsible full time jobs, Sarah as a high end freelance graphic artist and Carl as station manager for WRAT.

Nathan and **Kari** will be moving Nate’s teaching and lab, Kari’s environmental work, and their family from Pittsburgh to the University of Cincinnati in 2017. **Coral** (7) and **Jasper** (4) are delightfully cheerful and quick learners with Coral becoming very musical on the piano while Jasper moves from one clever craft project to the next.

Johanna graduated from the U of R with her BSN this year and loves her full time weekend shift job in the Golisano Children’s Hospital NICU, which has released **Asa** to do his art from home. **Zoya** (13) is excelling as a scholar and very speedy Varsity swimmer while her creative sister **Anya** (5) is taking Kindergarten by storm.

Joel and his talented wife **Julia** are both completing second Masters Degrees (in Choral Conducting and Organ Performance) at Syracuse University and serving as music directors in two churches in the area. Plans for next year are still in the making...

Life is abundant and full! The Lord gives us rest and peace through it all as we enjoy the “quiet waters” when He provides them.

May your Christmas be filled with HOPE this year. We appreciate each of you, dear family and friends, and hope to see you in the New Year.

*from an old Welsh Christmas carol

Bill + Susan