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The Lighted Spire December, 2015

NEWS & CALENDAR

The Silence — AND THE — SOUND

A Cantata for Christmas
BY HEATHER SORENSON

Saturday, December 5 at 4:00pm with
refreshments to follow

Sunday, December 6 at 10:00am
during worship

More than just a re-telling of the nativity, this work explores both the mystery and the majesty of Christ's birth. Filled with original sacred songs and beloved carols, this innovative cantata is not only a beautiful concert moment, but it is a true worship experience. The richness of both contemporary and traditional elements, along with thoughtful narrations, make this work an excellent choice for blended worship styles, and the stunning orchestrations complete the package. The perfect blending of artistry and ministry!



Christmas Eve

7:30pm Family Service

"The Last Minute Christmas Pageant"

Child care will be available
for this service.

10:00pm Candlelight Communion Service

"Our Gifts to Jesus"

Please join us for the service that
works best for your
family or for both services
if you are able.

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A Sunday to Remember

December 13 10:00am worship service

The Shelbyville High School Show Choir "Synergy" will be lifting our rafters with joyous Christmas music to begin our service. We will take up a love offering to present to them for sharing their musical talent to help us celebrate the Advent season.

Following Synergy's presentation the children will present their annual Christmas program, this year titled "Deck the Halls and Trim the Tree." These two presentations will truly make this a Sunday to remember.



CHOIR SCHEDULE

With holidays and preparation for the Cantata, the schedule for choir rehearsals has been modified as follows:

Wednesday, November 25

No rehearsal

Wednesday, December 2

No rehearsal

Thursday, December 3

Rehearsal — 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 9

No rehearsal

Wednesday, December 16

Rehearsal — 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 23

Rehearsal — 7:00pm

CCC 55+ CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Everyone at least 55 years old is invited to join for the CCC Christmas lunch to be held at the church on Tuesday, December 8 at 11:30am. We will provide ham, au gratin potatoes, scalloped potatoes, and mixed vegetables. If you would like, please bring a dessert or dish to complement the menu. All those 55 and over are encouraged to join this special group as they celebrate the Christmas season.

WOMEN OF THE CLOTH (KNITTERS)

The Women of the Cloth will not meet in December. Mark your calendars for Monday, January 25 at 1:00pm at the home of Betty Alexander (317-398-6940).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

During November, you helped to raise money to support Josh Orem's work with the homeless in Chicago by donating money to Sleepout Chicago. Thanks to your generous contributions we are sending \$563.32 to help raise awareness of youth homelessness in the Chicago area.

HUMAN SERVICES FOOD DRIVE

As the holiday season is upon us, the need for donations to our all year food drive for Human Services increases. When you are shopping over the next weeks, please put a few extra items in your shopping cart to help fill the carts at the church. Check out the bulletin board just outside the back of the worship center to see our progress so far this year.

SHARE YOUR FLOWERS

The D deacons provide fresh flowers for worship on Sunday mornings twice each month. The deacons would like to give you the opportunity to share flowers on the other Sundays of each month. The flowers can be from your yard or ones that you purchase and bring to the church. If you would like to share, use the sign-up chart on the bulletin board across from the Noah's Ark Room. Simply pick a Sunday and sign up. If you would like to place the flowers in honor of someone or in memory of someone, please let Jane know by Wednesday of the week you are providing flowers so she can include the information in the bulletin. You are welcome to take the flowers home with you or leave them to be delivered by the deacons.

The Warm Fuzzy Tree A Tradition of Giving



The Warm Fuzzy Tree is up and decorated in the hall behind the worship center.

An ongoing Christmas project of the D Deacons, the tree is decorated with ornaments listing the age, size, and an article of clothing or a toy for a child in the community. Take an ornament or ornaments from the tree, purchase what is listed on the ornament, wrap the gift, place the ornament on the outside of the package and return the gift under the tree. All gifts should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 13. The gifts will be distributed in time for Christmas.

If you are unable to shop but would like to help, checks can be sent to the D Deacons to offset the cost of other items needed for the children or to buy presents. These can be mailed to the church or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

Please be sure that you purchase and wrap only what is listed on the ornament you take from the tree. Wrapping only what is on the ornament ensures that each child in the family will receive the same number of gifts.

Also, please be sure to tape the ornament taken from the tree to the outside of the package. Be sure that it will stay on while the package is moved around under the tree, but don't put it on too securely. Before the presents are taken to the families, the ornaments are removed and gift tags with the child's name on it are put on the gifts. However, we do need the ornaments on the packages so we can tell to which child it goes.

We have many children this year, so please help us empty the tree of its ornaments. We appreciate your generosity in the past and thank you in advance for supporting the Warm Fuzzy Tree this year.

Remember - all gifts must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 13.



Christmas Poinsettias

As is our tradition, we will have memorial or honorary poinsettias as a part of our services for the advent season. You may purchase your flowers from the place of your choice and have them delivered or drop them off at the church any time after December 13. Before December 16, please call the church office or drop us a note listing the names the flowers are in memory of or in honor of and who gave the flowers. Please plan to take your poinsettia home with you after the Christmas Eve Service you attend.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div><p>December</p></div>		1 6:00 GS 2465 7:00 AA	2 8:00 Statler Group Youth Activities No Choir	3 B-Adrienne Lingerfelt 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00 BSA OA	4	5 B-Bob Thopy 9:00 Girl Scouts 4:00 Choir presents Cantata followed by refreshments
6 Cantata during worship 	7	8 B-Debby McLeod 11:30 CCC's Christmas Lunch 7:00 BRCC Practice 7:00 AA	9 8:00 Statler Group 9:00 Women's Study Youth Activities No Choir	10 B-John Ervin	11 9:00 Shelby Senior Services BINGO lunch	12
13 B-Bob Ardery A-Adrienne & Derek Lingerfelt Synergy and Children's Program during worship 11:30 D Deacons Warm Fuzzy Tree presents due back	14 B-Betty Schnaiter 6:00 Girl Scout Leaders	15 B-Mike Bunton, Josh Orem, Marian Hobbs 6:00 GS 2465 7:00 AA	16 8:00 Statler Group at Cow Palace Youth Activities 7:00 Choir Practice	17 5:30 HeadStart Christmas Party 7:00 BSA OA	18 A-Phil & Linda Howell	19 A-Jamie & Janet Orem
20	21 7:00 Session	22 7:00 AA	23 B-Greg Schmucker No Youth Activities 7:00 Choir Practice Office closed	24  7:30 Family Service 10:00 Candlelight Service	25 	26
27	28 B-Ashlee Harris, Kyle McLane No Women of the Cloth (Knitters)	29 7:00 AA	30 No Youth Activities No Choir Office closed	31 B-Tresa Eads 	Deacons for the Month Annette Craft Charles Craft Terry James Ashley Johnson Barb Marshall Jim Marshall Mary Ann Wethington	

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 AM - Choir Warm-Up
 10:00 AM - Worship Service & Sunday School
 11:00 AM - Gathering Time

WEDNESDAY YOUTH SCHEDULE

6:00 PM - Friendship Club
 6:00 PM - Doors Open for Youth
 7:00 PM - Dinner
 7:30 PM - Youth Group

Prayer Requests

Betty Alexander	Lois Mitchell
Bob Ardery	Becky Murnan
Shelby Bowers	Bill & Shirley Oeffinger
Clay Browning	Jamie Orem
Ann Bruner	Sharon Orem
Vickie Butler	Tyler Orem
Naomi Catt	Marilyn Phares
Randi Catt	Bill Runshe
Charles Craft	Betty Schnaiter
Daniell Cutler	Ron Sethman
Karla Crouch	Patty Shuler
Bill English	Bill & Jonita Smith
John Ervin	Deloris Sorrell
Bonnie Harris	Mary Ann Wasson
Marian Hobbs	Miriam Willey
Phil & Linda Howell	Keith & Vickie Williams
Ashley Johnson	

CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS

Vicki Alexander, Anthony Ayers, Peg & Paul Binder, Steven Binder, Elizabeth Bir, Wyatt Cameron, Alva Catt Jr., Amanda Catt, Betty Craft, Joe Craft, Bill Collins, John Davison, Cory, Teri, Amber, Britney & Justin Douglass, Esther Gahimer, Julie Harris, Deloris Hassebrook, Ashley Hedges, David Hunton, Jaxon, Jeremy Klakamp, Margaret Newkirk, Betty Nichols, Brad Nigh, Patricia Overmeyer, Mary Kay Pitts, Janet Roberts, Jon Ross, Natalie Sargent, Nigel Schonfeld, John Scudder, Chera Shaub, Brody Stephens, Peggy Trittipio, Sally Willis, Susan Woledge

Those in military service

Blake McIntire	Alex Dillon
Deryk Smith	Brett Walburn



Welcome to our church family

We offer our best wishes and congratulations to Mike and Mandy Bunton as they welcome new daughter Charlotte to their family. Charlotte was born on October 23 and has three brothers-Alex, Matthew, and Sam. Her proud grandparents are Christi and Steve Drake



Friendship Club for grades 3-5 - 6:00-7:00

Doors open for youth group - 6:00

Dinner for all - 7:00-7:30

Youth Group for grades 6-12 - 7:30-8:45

We are still in need of leadership for the Friendship Club. They meet from 6:00-7:00 on Wednesdays and then stay to share dinner with the Youth Group. If you are interested or have questions about this group, please talk to Pastor Mark.

Adult volunteers are always welcome on Wednesday evenings. Even if you are only available to come for part of the evening or you can't come every Wednesday, you will still be a big help. Talk to Cheryl Miller or Sarah Smith if you have questions.

We are also accepting help with the meals on Wednesdays as well. If you would like to provide food or donate money for a part of a meal, that would be great. You don't have to cook the food, just donate it! Talk to Holly Simpson or Tom Miller if you have questions.



The choir shares their music with us each Sunday. If you have a talent or love for music, please join us!

Rehearsals - Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm
Sunday morning warm-up - 9:30am

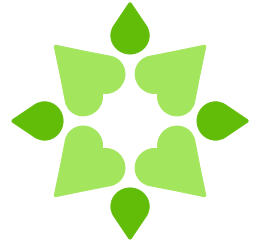
Please talk to Cynthia if you have any questions.



*Our Sincere
Sympathy to...*

It is with sadness that we extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Sharon Davis who passed away on November 17. Sharon has been a member of our congregation for many years and will be missed.

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SMALL GROUP COLLECTIONS

As a part of the current study to help highlight how we minister to others, two of our small groups are helping with special collections. We thank you in advance for your assistance to make these successful!

Statler Group Book Drive The Statler Small Group is holding a book drive to collect new or gently used children's books to be donated to the local Headstart program. The books should be suitable for infants through children six years old. Collection boxes are in Huffman Hall and in the hallway behind the worship center for your donations or they can be left in Jane's office. Please make your donations by December 15.

The Palmer/Orem Group The Thursday afternoon group is supporting Coulston's Comet Closet, an effort to collect clothing and coats for kids. You can either donate articles of clothing or money to their collection. If you donate cash or a check (make out to church), please make sure it is marked "Coulston."

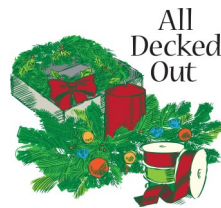
SHIRTS AVAILABLE



We now have all sizes (youth and adult) of t-shirts with our logo on them. These are green with a white logo and are available in Jane's office for purchase for \$8 each.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you all so much for your prayers, thoughts, concerns, visits, food, phone calls and cards during my recent hospital stay and recovery. A special thank you for my beautiful prayer shawl, it brought me great comfort then and continues to do so now. I appreciate the warm welcome that I received when I was able to come back to church. What a wonderful, caring church family we have at First Presbyterian! God bless you all, Karla Crouch



Thanks to everyone who helped to decorate the church and get it ready for the Advent season.

SESSION NOTICE

The Elders are reminded of their regular stated meeting to be held on Monday, December 21, at 7:00pm in the church parlor. Please let Pastor Mark, Sandy Fisher or Jane know if you are unable to attend.

D DEACONS TO MEET

The D Deacons will meet following worship on Sunday, December 13. Please let Linda Howell or Shari Clark know if you are unable to attend.