

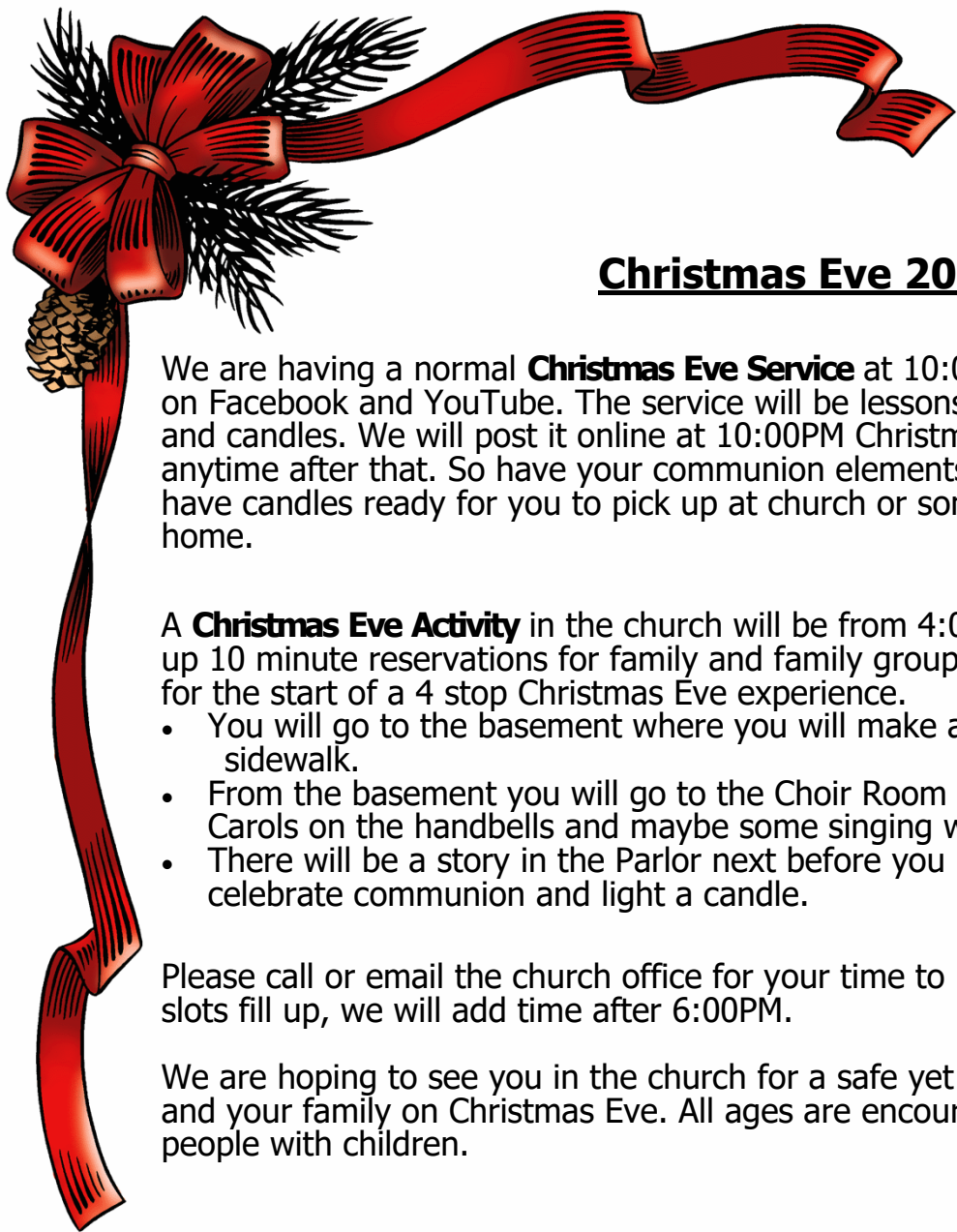
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The Lighted Spire

December, 2020

NEWS & CALENDAR



Christmas Eve 2020

We are having a normal **Christmas Eve Service** at 10:00PM but it will be available only on Facebook and YouTube. The service will be lessons and carols with communion and candles. We will post it online at 10:00PM Christmas Eve but it will be available anytime after that. So have your communion elements ready and if you want we can have candles ready for you to pick up at church or someone will drop them off at your home.

A **Christmas Eve Activity** in the church will be from 4:00PM to 6:00PM. We are setting up 10 minute reservations for family and family groups to come to the alley entrance for the start of a 4 stop Christmas Eve experience.

- You will go to the basement where you will make a luminary for the church sidewalk.
- From the basement you will go to the Choir Room where you will do Christmas Carols on the handbells and maybe some singing with the bells.
- There will be a story in the Parlor next before you head to the sanctuary to celebrate communion and light a candle.

Please call or email the church office for your time to be scheduled and if the 2 hour slots fill up, we will add time after 6:00PM.

We are hoping to see you in the church for a safe yet memorable activity for you and your family on Christmas Eve. All ages are encouraged to attend. It's not just for people with children.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT FPCSHELBYVILLE.ORG

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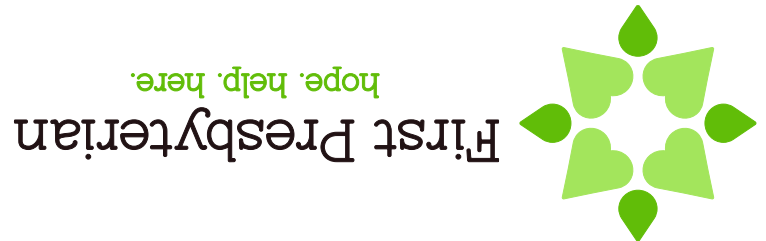
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Do Not Be Afraid: A Virtual Christmas Pageant

Since this holiday season is like no other, it only makes sense that we'd try something new for a Christmas pageant this year! "Do Not Be Afraid" is a virtual pageant published by Illustrated Ministry.

The C.E. Committee and Pastor Max are in the planning stage and we are in need of families, young and old and anywhere in between, to volunteer for speaking roles. We will provide copies of the script and you will be free to create the scene however you would like in your home and record video for us to compile together into the finished product. We also need two or three traditional Christmas songs recorded as well.

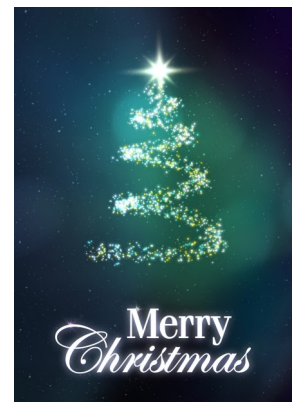
If your family would be interested in participating contact the church office or Max (max@fpcshelbyville.org).

While this is a new way of presenting a Christmas pageant, rest assured that the traditional Christmas story we all know and love will be shared as it is every year. Look for more information soon about when you can expect to see the pageant on our Facebook or YouTube page.

The church office will be closed for the holidays on

December 24, 25, & 31 and January 1.

Hours December 23, 28, 29 & 30 will vary.



Statler Study Group

The Statler Study Group meets at 8:00am on Wednesdays in fellowship hall. They are doing an Advent Study called, "Making Room" by Ed Robb. Please either eat breakfast before you come or bring a sack breakfast and drink for yourself. We will be making coffee. This study will end on December 16 and the group will take a break until after the holidays. If you're interested in joining the group, talk to Carolyn Statler or Jane Runshe or just show up!

School Supply Drive

The D Deacons will be starting their annual School Supply Drive soon. In the meantime, many stores have their school supplies on clearance right now to make room for their Christmas inventory. If you see items on clearance or a good deal in the stores, please buy them. There is a place in the hallway behind the sanctuary for you to drop your donations. All items will be delivered to the schools in February.



As we continue to hold our worship services in the sanctuary as well as streaming them on Facebook and YouTube, we are also continuing to be as safe as possible in our time together. We are taking extra precautions for those who feel comfortable coming to worship on Sunday mornings. For those who are still not comfortable being here, we will continue to live-stream our services.

Please join us here at the church or on line as you feel comfortable.

Sunday School

(for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade)!

If you miss gathering at the church for Sunday school, we have a way for you to stay connected throughout the summer! Your teachers are leading Zoom classes each Sunday! The elementary class meets from 9:00 to 9:30 AM. It's a great opportunity to check in with your friends and to grow in our faith together even if we can't be in the same room with each other. An invitation with a link to join the Zoom meeting will be sent out each week. Please contact the church office to be added to the list of families receiving the invites. Also, if you have any issues joining the meeting or questions about how to use Zoom, feel free to contact Pastor Max.



Sunday School for Middle and High School

Middle and High School students are having their regular Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings. Sarah Smith is leading this group as they gather upstairs following the children's moment for study and fellowship.

Prayer Requests

Betty Alexander	Jamie & Janet Orem
Shane Appleton	Sharon Orem
Shelby Bowers	Marilyn Phares
Ray & Charline Brown	Bill & Joyce Runshe
Clay Browning	Dan Runshe
Vickie Butler	Peggy Sethman
Annette & Charles Craft	Patty Shuler
Shari Gabbard	Rollin Simpson
Becky Gattis	Bill & Jonita Smith
Bonnie Harris	Deloris Sorrell
Linda Howell	Eric Sorrell
Ashley Johnson	Brooke & Holden Stephens
Debby McLeod	Marilyn VanCleve
Bette Moore	Wilma Weaver
Mark Morningstar	Bud Wertz
Becky Murnan	Dawn Whitfield
Shirley Oeffinger	Nancy Wittekind

Church family and friends

Matthew & Michael Berndt, Steven Binder, Elizabeth Bir, Mary Brown, Wyatt Cameron, Catt family, Betty Craft, Michael Craft, Bill Collins, Cory, Dakota, Teri, Amber, Britney & Justin Douglass, Esther Gahimer, Julie Harris, Deloris Hassebrook, Vicki Hassebrook, Ashley Hedges, Janna Craft Hedges, Hunter, Cammi Hooker, David Hunton, Jaxon, Mary Beth, Jeremy Klakamp, Betty Nichols, Brad Nigh, Chelsea Overhage, Patricia Overmyer, Jim Overmyer, Lynn Pitts, Jon Ross, Natalie Sargent, John Scudder, Chera Shaub, Peggy Trittipio, Brady Vanes, Mary Ann Wethington, Alice Wheeler, Cheryl White, Susan Woolledge

Those in military service

Blake McIntire	Alex Dillon
Adam Smith	Deryk Smith
Brett Walburn	



**Watch for information about
this program for our
Middle Schoolers coming in
January!**

**Session Meeting
December 21 7:00pm
Church parlor**

Contact The Session

Spiritual Growth

Christian Education/Worship

Sarah Smith	Sara Roberts
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Nurture & Evangelism

Fellowship/Congregational Care/Evangelism

Phil Howell	Patti Stone
Aimee Tillison	

Stewardship

Stewardship/Property/Personnel

Dave Fisher	Jim Marshall
Dan Runshe	

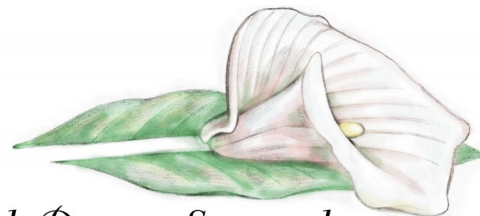
Clerk of Session Dawn Whitfield



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Calling all knitters and crocheters!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group **will not meet in December**. In January they will resume their regular gatherings on the **fourth Monday** of the month at 1:00pm in the parlor.



With Deepest Sympathy

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Mary Ann Wasson in November. Mary Ann joined this church in 1933, was faithfully in the pews on Sunday mornings and served the church in many, many ways. She will be missed.



Choir Cantata

On Sunday, December 13, the choir will present a different kind of Christmas Cantata. We tried to gather in small groups to rehearse, but that just didn't work out very well. Since social distancing is the norm and it is hard to sing with masks on, we will be doing a cantata with recorded songs from the choir and soloists along with readings sharing the story of Christ's birth.

You are welcome to come to church as usual for the service with the music being presented on the screens. If you prefer to stay home, it will be on Facebook and YouTube as usual.

As with everything else, the Warm Fuzzy Tree will be a little different this year. While we are still collecting donations for families in need through the Warm Fuzzy Tree, because shopping is still questionable, volunteers from the D Deacons are doing most of the shopping for the gifts this year. If you would like to help out with this project, you can make a donation to the Deacons to help cover the purchasing of the gifts, shoe certificates and paper for wrapping the gifts. If you would like to help out, make a check payable to the church and write Warm Fuzzy Tree or Deacons in the memo section or place cash in an envelope marked Warm Fuzzy Tree.

***Warm
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There were also some ornaments that were picked up for individuals to purchase items. If you took ornaments, please wrap the gifts and place the ornament on the outside of the package so we know who it goes to. These should be returned by December 13 so that the packages can be sorted and delivered to the families in time for Christmas.

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 15. 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 pick your poinsettia up after Christmas.





		1 8:00 AA-fh	2 8:00 Statler Group	3 B-Adrienne Lingerfelt	4	5 B-Bob Thopy 2:00-4:00 Girl Scouts in fh
6 9:00 Virtual Sunday School for K-5th 10:00 Worship - worship center and on-line Mid-High Sunday School	7 5:30-6:30 Girl Scout Troop 4826-nar 6:30-8:30 Cub Scout Pack 223-fh	8 B-Debby McLeod 8:00 AA-fh	9 8:00 Statler Group	10 4:00 Craft Group Stone — fh	11	12 8:00-12:00 PEO in fh
13 A-Adrienne & Derek Lingerfelt  9:00 Virtual Sunday School for K-5th 10:00 Worship - worship center and on-line Mid-High Sunday School	14 Jane gone 6:30-8:30 Cub Scout Pack 223-fh	15 B-Mike Bunton B-Josh Orem →	16 8:00 Statler Group	17 B-Fawntay Cooper	18 A-Phil & Linda Howell	19 A-Jamie & Janet Orem
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