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The Lighted Spire

December, 2022

NEWS & CALENDAR



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service Saturday, December 24 10:00pm

The service will be our traditional
Candlelight Communion Service
celebrating Christmas in scripture and song.
This service will start at 10:00pm in the sanctuary.
If you will be joining us on line for this service,
please be sure to have your Communion elements
and a candle ready.

Special Guests - December 4

Be sure to join us next Sunday, December 4, as Synergy, the award-winning show choir from Shelbyville High School, will join us in worship to share their Christmas message in song. Synergy is directed by Joel Kenemore and accompanied by Cynthia Morningstar.

God's Faithful Followers - December 11

Children's Christmas Program presented by the Sunday School Children during the worship service on Sunday, December 11. Please see Cynthia if you have any questions about your child or grandchild participating.

A Gift to the World -- December 18

Please join us on Sunday, December 18 as the choir presents their Christmas Cantata, "A Gift to the World" during the morning worship service.

Christmas Worship Service -- December 25

Please feel free to wear your pajamas or comfortable clothes to our 10:00am worship service. This will be Mark's final worship service with us before his retirement on December 31.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT FPCSHELBYVILLE.ORG

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Mark Morningstar, Senior Pastor

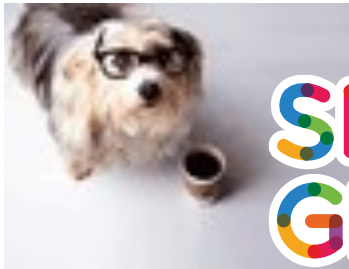
Max Muska, Associate Pastor

Cynthia Morningstar, Director of Music

Jane Runshe, Office Administrator

Sara Roberts, Sunday School Coordinator

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SMALL GROUP

Statler Study Group

Fellowship Hall

Wednesday mornings at 8:00

Breakfast Served

Prepare the Way for the Lord
by Adam Hamilton

November 30 Lesson 3

December 7 Lesson 4

End of Study/Christmas
Breakfast — December 14
8:00am at Cow Palace

New members always
welcome!



**Safe Sitter
Rescheduled**

This class has been rescheduled for Saturday, December 3 from 9:00-4:00 in the church parlor. There is still space for 3 more Middle Schoolers if you know of a youth that would be interested. Contact the church office please.

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group

Every Tuesday at 9:30 Mark or Max is leading a Morning Prayer Group in the parlor. See Mark or Max if you have any questions.

Adult Macrame Class

This has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 11 following worship. At this time the class is limited to those who have already signed up. This will be held in the parlor. Talk to Dawn Whitfield if you have any questions (317-512-3460).

Prayer Requests

Betty Alexander	Mark Morningstar
Shane Appleton	Becky Murnan
Jeanne Boback	Janet Orem
Shelby Bowers	Sharon Orem
Charline Brown	Mark Rowe
Clay Browning	Bill & Joyce Runshe
Tom & Joanne Bubar	Ron & Peggy Sethman
Marilyn Bushfield	Patty Shuler
Vickie Butler	Rollin Simpson
Woody Collins	Jonita Smith
Annette Craft	Megan Smith & Dahlia
Hugh & Ruth Garner	Kevin & Penny
Becky Gattis	Springman
Bonnie Harris	Deloris Sorrell
Phil & Linda Howell	Eric Sorrell
Ashley Johnson	Marilyn VanCleve
John & Jody Linton	Wilma Weaver
Debby McLeod	Dawn Whitfield
Judy Mitchell	Larry Willis

Church family and friends

Matthew & Michael Berndt, Steven Binder, Elizabeth Bir, Mary Brown, Wyatt Cameron, Bill Collins, Betty Craft, Cory, Dakota, Teri, Amber, Britney & Justin Douglass, Esther Gahimer, Julie Harris, Deloris Hassebroek, Vicki Hassebroek, Ashley Hedges, Hunter, Cammi Hooker, Jaxon, Jeremy Klakamp, Betty Nichols, Chelsea Overhage, Patricia Overmyer, Jim Overmyer, Lynn Pitts, Jon Ross, Darryl Runshe, Natalie Sargent, John Scudder, Chera Shaub, Brooke & Holden Stephens, Shannon Trimnell, Peggy Trittipio, Brady Vanes, Mary Ann Wethington, Cheryl White, Susan Wooledge

Those in military service

Blake McIntire Alex Dillon Adam Smith
Deryk Smith Brett Walburn

If the situation for any of these people has changed or someone needs to be added to our list, please let the church office know.

Contact The Session

Spiritual Growth

Christian Education/Worship

Becky Gattis Sara Roberts
Sarah Smith

Nurture & Evangelism

Fellowship/Congregational Care/Evangelism

Pattie Stone Aimee Tillison
Mike Whitfield

Stewardship

Stewardship/Property/Personnel

Phil Howell Jim Marshall
Dan Runshe

Clerk of Session Dawn Whitfield

Next Session Meeting
December 19 7:00pm

**If you have a love for music,
share it!**

Rehearsals
Wednesday evenings
at 7:00pm
in the choir room

Sunday warm up
9:30am in the sanctuary.

Anyone who has a love
for music is welcome to
join the choir



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Fourth Monday of each month

This small, fun group knits and crochets prayer shawls and other items for those going through transitions in their lives.

Guests are always welcome to come and join this ministry. If you like to knit or crochet, come and check out this group. Even if you don't know how to knit or crochet, they will be glad to teach you and get you started. This group is open to men and women. Even if you don't want to knit or crochet, you can always just come and enjoy the company.

The group will not meet in December. Meetings in January and February will be scheduled depending on the weather. Talk to Betty if you have any questions, if you would like to donate any items, or if you know of someone who needs a prayer shawl or a baby blanket.



**All 5th-8th graders are invited
to join in the
Middle Youth Group fun!**

Feel free to invite friends!

Meetings begin in the church fellowship hall
with lunch at 11:15 and end at 1:00pm



December 11 — We will help with the Salvation Army lunch
then go to the bowling alley for lunch and bowling.
Parent pick up at 2:30 at bowling alley.

December 18 — Christmas Party
Parent pick up at 1:00 at church

For more information call
Sharon Orem (317-512-1842) or Jon Orem (317-517-1341)



**High School Youth
Grades 9-12
Wednesdays from 6:00-8:30
Dinner is served**

December 14 is final meeting for 2022

Open to all high school students

As always, adult volunteers are a tremendous reason that our Youth Group is such a success. We're seeking volunteers to help in a variety of ways and for whatever time you have to give on Wednesday evenings.

Please contact Pastor Max if you would like to volunteer.



Sunday School

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The kids go to Sunday School with Jon Orem (age 3-4th grade) and Sarah Smith (5th grade-high school) for their lessons following the Children's Moment in worship. If you would like to volunteer to help with Sunday School, please talk to Jon Orem, Sarah Smith, Sara Roberts or Pastor Max.

Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers.



Middle Youth Backpacks for Chicago

During the months of October and November, the Middle Youth asked for donations to fill backpacks to be distributed to the homeless in Chicago. The Prayer Shawl Ministry donated blankets, hats, scarves and gloves for this project. Donations from the congregation included warm socks, gloves, flashlights, hair brushes, combs, toothbrushes and toothpaste, rain ponchos, band-aids, wet wipes and hand warmers. They were trying to gather enough items to fill 10 backpacks, but, thanks to your generosity, ended up with 13. We also collected some coats, sleeping bags and extra supplies. These will be taken to Tyler Orem who will pass them out in Chicago.

Many thanks to everyone who supported this Middle Youth project.



Christmas Poinsettias

As is our tradition, we will have memorial 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 11. Before December 20, please call the church office or drop us a note listing the names the flowers are in memory of and who gave the flowers. Please plan to pick your poinsettia up after Christmas.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule 9:30 Choir warm up 10:00 Worship - on-line and in sanctuary Following children's moment: Children's and Middle & High School Sunday School 11:15 Time of fellowship	B-Birthdays A-Anniversaries fh-fellowship hall p-parlor nar-Noah's Ark Room s-sanctuary cr-choir room k-kitchen			1	2	3 B-Adrienne Lingerfelt 9-4 OZ Safe Sitter - p 1:00 Birthday-fh
4 Sunday Schedule Synergy from High School will perform during worship 2:00 Blue River Youth Choir Concert - s	5 B-Bob Thopy <i>Jane-vacation</i> 6:00 Girl Scout Troop 4826-fh	6	7	8 B-Debby McLeod	9	10 8:30 PEO-fh
11  SALVATION ARMY LUNCH Children's Program 11:15 Middle Youth- help with lunch then bowling 11:15 Macrame-p	12	13 A-Adrienne & Derek Lingerfelt	14 8:00 Statler Group— breakfast - Cow Palace	15 B-Mike Bunton B-Josh Orem	16	17 9-9 - Kennedy Scapbook-fh
18 Sunday Schedule A-Phil & Linda Howell Choir Cantata 11:15 Middle Youth Christmas Party-fh	19	20	21	22	23	24  Candlelight Communion Service 10:00pm
25 10:00am Worship Pastor Mark's final Sunday 	26 NO Prayer Shawl Ministry	27 6:30 BRYC 7:00 BRCC-cr 7:00 AA-fh	28 NO HS Youth NO Choir	29	30	31  New Year's Eve