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The Lighted Spire

December, 2024



**CHOIR PRESENTS THEIR
CHRISTMAS CANTATA
DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

**The Sunday School Children
will present their Christmas
Program
“An Alphabet Christmas”
during worship on
Sunday, December 22
Talk to one of the Sunday School
Teachers if your child would like
to participate**



**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 2024
7:00pm**

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT FPCSHELBYVILLE.ORG

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Gretchen Schneider, Transitional Pastor

Kim Livingston, Director of Music

Jane Runshe, Office Manager

Sara Roberts, Sunday School Coordinator

Dan Runshe, Sexton

Join us at the church on
Saturday, December 7
To decorate the church
for the holiday season!

Hanging of the Greens



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Christmas Caroling, Pizza & Cocoa

Sunday, December 22 2:30pm

Join us as we share the holiday spirit with those who can't get out and about as much this holiday season. We will meet in fellowship hall at the church at 2:30pm. We will take the church van and carpool to go caroling, then return to the church for pizza and hot cocoa. We will attempt to go as many places as we can, but if you know of someone who would enjoy our songs, please call the office and let Jane or Gretchen know.

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. If possible we would like for the poinsettia to remain at the church after Christmas.





Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class continues to meet with Pastor Gretchen. Please watch your emails and talk to Gretchen if you have any questions.

Prayer Requests

Betty Alexander	Becky Gattis
Shane Appleton	Phil & Linda Howell
Jeanne Boback	Judy Mitchell
Shelby Bowers	Heather Muska
Charline Brown	Janet Orem
Joanne Bubar	Sharon Orem
Marilyn Bushfield	Bill & Joyce Runshe
Woody Collins	Deloris Sorrell
Burt & Irene Curry	Marilyn VanCleve
Bill Garner	Wilma Weaver
Hugh Garner	Nancy Wittekind

Church family and friends

Matthew & Michael Berndt, Deloris Hassebroek, Vicki Hassebroek, Hunter, Jaxon, Betty Nichols, Darryl Runshe, Shannon Trimmell, Brady Vanes

Those in military service

Curtis Bridgewater	Rocky Iaria	
Deacon Marshall	Blake McIntire	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.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00am to 4:00pm
May be closed during lunch time
Office will be closed on Fridays



Prayer Shawl Ministry

1:30pm

**Monday, December 16
(3rd Monday this month)
at Ashford Place**

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.



Choir Rehearsals
Wednesdays at 6:30pm
in the choir room

Come and check it out!
No auditions required

All are welcome to come join the fun!



Glad Tidings of Great Joy

Family pictures

The photo booth in fellowship hall has been decorated for the winter season. Please take advantage of it for family pictures.

Session Meeting - December 16 7:00pm in Church Parlor

If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Gretchen. Elders, please let Gretchen or Dawn Whitfield know if you cannot attend so you can be excused.

CCC Change of Date

Because of the cold weather, the CCC's Christmas Pitch-in Party has been moved to **Friday, December 13** in fellowship hall beginning at **12:30pm**. Bring a white elephant gift. Talk to Sheila if you have any questions. Everyone is Welcome!

Contact Information

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If you would like to come to worship on Sunday mornings,



Rides Available

but don't have a way to get there, Jon and Sharon Orem are offering to pick people up on their way to worship. Please call them by Saturday if you would like a ride so they can make plans.

For more information or to schedule a ride, call Sharon (317-512-1842) or Jon (317-517-1341)



For Small Groups

Statler Study Group

Meets in Fellowship Hall

Light Breakfast Served

Wednesdays at 8:00am

They just finished an Advent study and will take a break.

Watch for a new study coming in mid-January.

Everyone is welcome!

New members & visitors always welcome!



Sunday School
Update




Age 3-5th grade go with Jon Orem and Sara Roberts for their lessons following the Children's Time in worship. **Our middle and high schoolers** go with Sarah Smith at this same time and meet in the Wall Room upstairs. Nursery care is provided for **infants and toddlers** during worship. If you would like to volunteer to help with Sunday School, please talk to Jon, Sarah or Sara.



PACK THE BACKPACKS!

DURING THE FALL MONTHS, WE HAVE BEEN COLLECTING ITEMS TO PUT IN BACKPACKS FOR THOSE WHO ARE WITHOUT A HOME. THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY, WE COLLECTED ENOUGH ITEMS TO FILL 25 BACKPACKS TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN SHELBY COUNTY AND CHICAGO



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 B-Emma Lingerfelt Sunday Schedule	2 B-Leighton Ward	3 B-Adrienne Lingerfelt 6:30 BRYC 7:00 BRCC-cr 7:00 AA-fh	4 8:00 Statler Group-fh 6:30 Choir-cr	5 B-Bob Thopy	6 Office Closed	7 B-Betsy Roberts 9:00 Hanging of the Greens
8 B-Debby McLeod B-Gretchen Schneider Sunday Schedule  2:00 BRYC Concert SERVING MEALS at the Salvation Army	9 8:00 Life Line Screening-fh 6:00 Girl Scout Troop 4826-fh	10 6:30 BRYC 7:00 BRCC-cr 7:00 AA-fh	11 8:00 Statler Group End of Study Breakfast at Cow Palace NO Choir	12 5:00 Head Start Cookies With Santa-p&s 6:30 Choir-cr	13 A-Adrienne & Derek Lingerfelt 12:30 CCC Christmas Party-fh Office Closed	14 8:30 PEO-fh 4:30 Choir-cr
15 B-Mike Bunton B-Josh Orem Sunday Schedule Cantata during worship	16 1:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry-Ashford Place 7:00 Session-p	17 6:30 BRYC 7:00 BRCC-cr 7:00 AA-fh	18 A-Phil & Linda Howell 11:15 Staff Christmas Lunch 6:30 ChoirParty	19	20 B-Harper Muska Office Closed	21
22 Sunday Schedule Children's Program during worship 2:30 Caroling	23	24 7:00 Christmas Eve Service	25 	26	27 Office Closed	28
29 Sunday Schedule	30	31 7:00 AA-fh	Sunday Schedule 9:30 Choir warm up 10:00 Worship - sanctuary and on-line. After children's moment: Children and Mid-High Sunday School upstairs Fellowship after worship			B-Birthdays A-Anniversaries fh-fellowship hall p-parlor nar-Noah's Ark Room s-sanctuary cr-choir room k-kitchen