



December 2022

PRESBYTERIAN TIMES

I love a good story. During this season of Advent, it is nice to push the pause button and to hear a good story that helps us focus on the importance of what this season brings.

I recently heard a story about the band members on the Titanic:



In the final moments before the Titanic sank to the depths of the Atlantic Ocean, the ship's band leader, Wallace Hartley, who, desiring to keep the masses calm as they abandoned ship, led the band in playing music on deck right up until the last moment until the band could no longer keep their balance. Many of the survivors reported 'Nearer My God to Thee' as the song they last heard from these brave musicians.

Can you imagine, the musicians stayed until all hope of rescue was gone!!! These loyal and dedicated band members sacrificed their lives to bring a measure of calm and comfort in the midst of fear, panic, and chaos. What a story!

In the same way, the band members were committed to giving their lives so that others could have peace. Jesus came to earth as the Prince of Peace to die on the cross so that everyone **on the "deck" of life can have the opportunity to enjoy God's peace.**

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

In the eyes of the world, peace is circumstantial. Peace is often negotiated for the purpose of bringing an end to the conflict. However, the peace of God does not come because there is agreement. Many times circumstances are so at odds with each other that it would make peace seem impossible because there is too much chaos. This is what makes God's peace different. It exists in the midst of chaos and that is by design.

I pray that during this Advent season, we would stop and take the time to enjoy and marvel at the price that was paid by Jesus so that we could have of the peace of God in our lives. May your Advent season be filled with peace. I look forward to celebrating Christmas with you.

Christmas Blessings,
Pastor Eric

Our Vision: KNOW Christ, GROW in Faith, SOW the love of Christ, GO where God calls.

December Handbells and Chancel Choir Schedule

Wednesday, December 7th

Handbells 6:15 to 7pm and Chancel Choir 7:15 to 8:15pm

Wednesday, December 14th

No rehearsals, enjoy the Christmas Dinner!

Wednesday, December 21st

Chancel Choir 7:15 pm



The Handbells and Chancel Choir will be taking a break until mid January. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Jones.



12/10 Sarah Hardy
12/11 Maggie Grant
12/14 Kylie Dassell
12/15 Bob Clum
12/15 Stepheny Smith
12/15 Kyah Richards
12/21 Meg Talbert
12/22 Mallory Watson
12/26 Elizabeth Galloway
12/26 Sam Galloway
12/26 Lee Galloway

Anniversaries

12/12 Sam & Molly Galloway
12/28 Ike & Betty Norment

Henderson Christian Community Outreach

Henderson Christian Community Outreach has revised their monthly list of needed items.

You can pick up a new list in the back of the sanctuary.

We will be collecting "favorite items" during the month of December. That includes Jiffy cornmeal mix, coffee, tea, Kool-Aid, lemonade, sugar, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, spaghetti & pasta.

We collected 118 cans of vegetables during November.



VIC Adopt-A-Family Christmas Express

We want to say Thank You to everyone who participated in the Volunteer and Information Center's Adopt-A-Family Christmas Express program this year.

You have helped to make a child's Christmas magical this year!



The flowers in the sanctuary during the month of December are provided by Donna Freitag and Dave Beshear

Church Families...Calling all Angels, Shepherds, Wisemen, Animals, and Scripture Readers.... We are getting all the children/youth together to share the Christmas Nativity with the Church on Sunday December 18th during Worship Service.



Everyone will have a special part in this special tradition and the congregation will help sing the Christmas carols. (A short rehearsal is on Dec 11th after Service). Please let the office or Cynthia know if your kids are able participate. We pray that they can... it is something they will always remember and the congregation loves it!

Christmas Dinner

The Presbyterian Women will be hosting a Christmas celebration around the dinner table on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:00 pm.

Come join your church family and celebrate the season with your friends, family and invited guests.

The dinner is not a potluck – we will be having a traditional Christmas Dinner. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or call the church office to register for this night together.

It will be a fun night filled with activities!



CASA of Midwest Kentucky is looking for community support for abused and neglected children. Give a gift of hope to help a local foster child. CASA helps children as young as 8 weeks to as old as 17.

Please consider purchasing a toy for the county's most vulnerable children in the community. Donated items will be redistributed directly to the children in their homes. A donation box is located in the entry by the front door. Gifts need to be turned in no later than Sunday, December 18th.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Join us for our new study on 1 2 and 3 John by Tony Evans on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Meeting ID: 984 3627 7403
Passcode 500727

We are providing an advent devotional for the Holy Season. The devotionals are available to be picked up now in the back of the sanctuary or you can call the church office to have one mailed to you.



THANKSGIVING DINNER



We enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving meal on November 16th shared with our church family... so much to be thankful for!!



It was also Pastor Eric's birthday!



Camp Loucon

Tri-Presbytery Fall Youth Retreat

We thank the Lord for the wonderful time some of our Middle school youth had attending the Tri-Presbytery Fall Youth Retreat at Camp Loucon on November 4-6 in Leitchfield, KY.



We heard from God's word about "Belonging" from our speaker Alonzo Johnson who serves the PCUSA.



We also had a wonderful time of group games, line dancing, zip lining, wall climbing, drumming, campfires, s'mores, being outdoors in God's creation and making new friends.





Presbyterian Women decorating
the church for Advent and Christmas
"Hanging of the Greens."



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