



ADVENT NEWSLETTER 2022



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...

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The stories, scriptures, and traditions of the Christmas season have been passed down to us throughout the generations. Many of us enter this season with a swell of memories and emotions. Not only does Christmas connect us to past traditions and family members no longer with us, it connects us to those who experienced the first Christmas, with all its wonder and mystery. For our Advent sermon series, we'll be looking at the ways the birth of Christ reminds us of our call to be the family of God. Join us this Advent as we remember that Christmas is first and foremost about the gift of the Christ child to his family of faith - to Mary and Joseph, to the shepherds, to the saints of the past, and to you and me.

Nov.27 - Matthew 1:1-17 - Climbing the Family Tree - What can we learn from the people in Jesus' genealogy? While they may just be names on a page to us, Jesus' ancestors paint a picture of how God worked through the generations to bring Jesus into the world.

Dec. 4 - Luke 1:46-56 - Naming the Future - Mary is so excited about Jesus' birth that she sings about it! In her song, she predicts the impact Jesus will have on our world. What hopes do we have for ourselves, our family, and our community this Christmas?

Dec. 11 - Matthew 1:18-25 - Choosing the Way Forward - Joseph is blindsided with the news his fiancée is pregnant. His family plan is out the window, but God gives him an even greater opportunity to be part of Jesus' story. Why did Joseph choose to forsake his future?

Dec. 18 - Lessons and Carols - The choir will bless us with a service of Lessons and Carols as we prepare to welcome Jesus once again into our world and our hearts.

ADVENT PACKETS

Can be picked up starting Sunday, Nov. 27 in the Children's Wing or in the Breezeway.



CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5:00 PM Children's Christmas Eve Service
- 7:00 PM Candlelight Service
(live-streamed)
- 10:30 PM Organ Prelude
- 11:00 PM Candlelight Service



CHRISTMAS DAY

This year Christmas falls on a Sunday, so join us at 11 AM for a short, family-friendly worship service as we celebrate "July in Christmas" and say "Aloha!" to the Son born to us this special morning. Kids are welcome to wear their pajamas for this special service. Hope to see you there!

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE Wednesday, Dec. 21, 6 PM

We are approaching the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year. Memories of lost loved ones and the pain of present experiences and situations can become overwhelming. While the holidays are supposed to be full of joy, some of us experience sadness, grief, or anxiety. You are not alone. The Stephen Ministers invite you to a service acknowledging and seeking the LIGHT that comes into the darkness. Please invite friends to join you. A soup supper will be served at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP to the church office for supper if you plan to come.

ADVENT WORKSHOP **Sunday, Nov. 27, 3 PM**

We invite everyone in the church to join us for this family activity. We'll be making Christmas Tree ornaments and enjoying the opportunity to fellowship with each other. Kids are invited to wear their pajamas to church and the Advent workshop!

THE KENTUCKIANS CHORUS CONCERT **Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7 PM**

The Kentuckians Chorus will provide us a free preview of their Christmas show! Join us for great music and some laughs. This is their "Thank You" for us letting them use our space for rehearsals. Their official performance takes place on Dec. 10 at 7:30PM if you'd like to support them.



POINSETTIA ORDERS **Payments due Dec. 11**

Each plant costs \$8. Call the office to place an order (859-266-0459) or [place your order online](#). The Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary by Dec. 23. If you are purchasing a plant, you are welcome to take it home after the Christmas Eve services.

ADVENT ZOOM **Wednesday, Dec. 14, 12 PM**

Let's digitally visit and check in as we are half way to "Bethlehem!" It is easy to get overwhelmed during this season; join us for some "centering."

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84310651346>

ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER **Sunday, Dec. 18, 5 PM**

All are invited as we join together for a church family dinner and singing led by our children. We will have an Italian feast! All food will be prepared by a new member who happens to be a chef. Please plan to be a part of this meal as we connect and celebrate.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING **Wednesday, Dec. 20, 6 PM**

Join us as we spread holiday cheer to some of our neighbors and church members! We'll depart from church at 6 PM and share in some hot chocolate and fellowship when we're done. The whole family is invited to be part of the singing!

ADVENT OPEN CHAPEL

During this busy season, you are invited to stop by the Lollis Chapel for some quiet time. Each week the chapel will be set up for intentional prayer time and centering exercises that will help one claim the gifts of this holiest of seasons. The chapel will be open 8AM-4PM each weekday.

ADULT ADVENT **SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY**



You know about the cuddly baby in the swaddling cloths and the choirs of angels, but have you looked closely at the story? A stinky manger, an unwed virgin, a crazy guy in the wilderness...what's going on here?

Join the Sunday School Class led by Kory as we take a look at some of the more obscure parts of the Christmas story. We meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in MC4 in the Mission Center.

The Bradford Class will meet in the Bradford Room in the Mission Center each Sunday as well. See you at 9:30AM each Sunday to discuss Advent!



DECEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 4

FOOD BOX FILLING DAY! 4-6:30 PM

All youth and their families are invited to join in this monumental task of filling 400 food boxes with \$8,000 worth of food! Depending on how many people we have, it will take us close to 2 hours to fill and stack all the boxes, but afterwards ALL youth and family members are invited to stay for a pizza supper in Chalice Hall!

Sunday, Dec. 11

Regular Youth Group Meetings
Chi Rho 4-5 PM

CYF 5-6 PM

We will be making special Christmas ornaments suitable for gifting.

Sunday, Dec. 18

COMBINED HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!

All youth will meet from 4-5 PM in the CYF room. Bring a wrapped gift for our gift exchange (gifts should cost no more than \$20 and be suitable for anyone in our Youth Group). After our gift exchange and celebration, we will join the rest of our Crestwood family in Chalice Hall for the All-Church Holiday dinner from 5-7 PM.

Sunday, Dec. 25

No Youth Group Meetings.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

See you in 2023!

