

The Church will close at noon on Dec. 24
and will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26.



The Salt Shaker

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF DANVILLE**

December 2019

“A Season of Preparation”

If there were ever a season in which the church could witness to a different way of life, it would be Advent. Despite the evidence to the contrary, our preparation for the coming of Christ does not begin on Black Friday. Nor is it signaled by Christmas carols on the radio or by wreaths on city lamp posts or the making of Christmas cookies. That’s not to say that these traditions are unimportant as markers of our annual celebration, but the church prepares in quite a different way.

Advent is admittedly an odd tradition. While the world dreams of sugar plums, Christmas sales and Santa Claus, the Advent scriptures call us to envision a new way of life characterized by peace and justice. We ready ourselves to celebrate the birth of the one who inaugurated this vision and we look for the coming fulfillment of this vision when Christ comes again. In the meantime, we are called to keep alert, to watch and wait and join in God’s work to bring in this new world.

We have designed our Advent worship to help us prepare for Christ along with a number of other seasonal activities and service opportunities listed in our [Advent and Christmas 2019 brochure](#). If you prefer a hard copy version and did not get one during worship last week, you can pick one up at church or call the church office to get one mailed to you.

For your personal preparation, I invite you to consider an on-line Advent devotional series called Following the Star. Go to: <https://d365.org/subscribe-following-star/> and sign up for a daily email, starting on December 1.

However you choose to prepare for the season, remember that Santa Claus brings gifts once each year, but Christ’s gifts are available every day of the year.

Advent Blessings,

Caroline

ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 29

Mark your calendars for this
10:00 a.m. worship date.

From the Stewardship Committee:

Another note of thanks to all who participated in Consecration Sunday and to those who have completed and returned Estimate of Giving cards for 2020.

To date:

- We have received 95 pledges totaling \$346,260. Eighteen of those are from members that did not pledge in 2019.
- Most encouraging are the 52 households that are increasing their giving for 2020, resulting in an additional \$39,643, an increase of nearly 21% over the amount pledged by those same members for 2019.

If you would like to submit a pledge for 2020, and have not received an Estimate of Giving card, please contact the church office.

Please be sure to submit any remaining pledge money for 2019 to the church office prior to December 31, or have it postmarked by that date to ensure accurate recording of your giving for the 2019 calendar year.

Please contact Lynn if you are unsure of your pledged giving status. Statements of 2019 contributions will be mailed in mid-January.

For those who contribute through electronic means, automatic withdrawals from AccessACS or having checks sent automatically from a checking account, please take some time to adjust for any changes you have made prior to your first contribution for the coming year. Please contact Lynn if you have questions or concerns.

Your response to God's grace through faithful giving ensures that the ministries and missions of our congregation will continue.

The Legacy Notebook : A Different Perspective

We tend to think of planned giving as what we are going to give to whomever or whatever when we die. Here's the pie; how do we slice it and who gets each piece? Who gets the biggest piece? The mechanics can wear you out. I read an article in the February 11 issue of the Presbyterian Outlook entitled "The Core of Stewardship is Love" by Farley Lord and Christian Peele. Frankly, "Stewardship Giving" and "Planned Giving" share common values. What caught my attention in this article was the statement: "For example, when we were starting our Legacy Giving Ministry, we were determined to describe legacy gifts as gifts we "send ahead" instead of "leave behind" because we facilitate the creation of legacy gifts as a joyful, forward-looking blessing inspired by Jesus' Great Commission." That's something to think about - A Different Perspective.

You can talk to Don Porter in the Church office from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon on Tuesdays or by appointment. 859-324-5020 or dwporter2@bellsouth.net.

Thank You...

Thank you to the congregation for the prayers, condolences and cards following my brother's death. Your support during this difficult time was greatly appreciated.

*Sincerely,
Fred Marr*

Friends, I wanted to take this moment to thank each and every one of you for the beautiful goodbye you gave to me. If there is one thing I learned about the people of The Presbyterian Church it is that you are a generous people. Your generosity of spirit was overwhelming and it has sustained me during this time of transition. I was also humbled by your generous Love Offering. Thank You! It is hard to believe that it has only been a month, but I am settling in well with my new church and congregation. Each time I step into the pulpit I carry you with me on my shoulders, in the form of the beautiful stole you provided me. This stole will stand as an everlasting testament to the friends I made among you and the kindness you showed me in my time amongst you. I pray that God continues to bless you.



*Grace and Peace,
Hannah*

The Church received a thank you for hosting an event associated with the After School Tutoring Program. The following is an excerpt from the letter.

A big thank you to all of you who made the Family Night such a success. We had a great turn out, I counted 41 people not including volunteers. The food was delicious, the parents were interested in the information that was provided and the children enjoyed the craft.

Also, please thank The Presbyterian Church for providing us a wonderful place for the evening.

*Katalin McChesney
Danville Schools
ESL teacher*

The Boyle County GED program (housed at The Presbyterian Church) will be celebrating 13 recent GED graduates on Friday, December 6, at 2:00 in fellowship hall. You are welcome to attend! Please contact Beth Leahey at leahey@bellsouth.net or (859) 583-4430 if you will be joining us. Thank you for your continued support of these adult students and their education.

The Session met four times between the stated September meeting and the November stated meeting, twice electronically, and twice in person. The Rev. Caroline Kelly served as moderator. Jean Harney served as clerk.

At the **called meeting on September 22, 2019**, the Session approved a called congregational meeting for October 6th to take action on Hannah McIntyre's request to dissolve her pastoral relationship with the church in order to accept the call to serve as pastor of Pisgah Presbyterian Church. The Session also approved the solicitation of a love offering for Hannah.

By email on October 1, 2019, the Session approved the service of communion including permission for children to serve communion, for a combined 10am service on October 20, 2019 to honor Hannah's ministry of almost six years.

By email on October 9, 2019, the Session approved the baptism of Elizabeth Frances Ahnquist, daughter of Jennifer and David Ahnquist, during worship on Sunday, October 27, 2019.

At a called meeting on October 19, 2019, the Session approved a facility use agreement with Centre College to host a study-led after-school tutoring program on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons when Centre College and the Boyle and Danville school systems are in session. In addition, the Session endorsed an application from the church to the Presbytery for hunger funds to support the ministry of Grace Café.

The Session also met for its **stated meeting on November 19, 2019** in Room 122 of the church.

In addition to routine business, the Session took the following actions:

- Approved a formal covenant with First Christian Church and Trinity Episcopal Church for our shared youth ministry - Danville Youth Connection – for the 2019- 2020 program year;
- Elected Ruling Elders Joanie Lukins and Eric Smith to serve as Commissioners to the December 7, 2019 presbytery meeting at the Korean Presbyterian Church in Lexington;
- Approved the collection of a free will offering at Music on Main concerts in 2019 and 2020;
- Called the Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 26, 2020, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, with a snow date of February 2, 2020; and
- Approved the recommendation of the Music and Worship Committee that there be one service on January 12, 2020 (Confirmation Sunday) and May 10, 2020 (Senior Recognition Sunday).

In addition, the Session received the following reports:

- A report from Budget and Finance that pledge payments were running behind our Year-to-Date Budget as of October 31, but had picked up in November.
- A report from Jim Boyd on the Legacy Fund.
- A report from Facilities and Grounds that the staff is working on a policy about communicating with church members in the event of snow.
- A report from the Nominating Committee that it is nearing its completion of nominees for Ruling Elders and Deacons in the Class of 2023.
- A report from Personnel that it is beginning the process of assessing staffing needs for our church since Hannah McIntyre's departure.
- A report from Stewardship about the results of the Stewardship Campaign as it was available after Consecration Sunday on November 17th (an update is presented elsewhere in this newsletter).
- A report from Greg Caudill that, to date, we have received pledges and gifts in the amount of about 25% of the projected cost to relocate the Confederate monument.
- A report from Adult Formation about future learning opportunities related to the relocation of the Confederate monument.

The Session also spent time reflecting on its leadership retreat held on Saturday, October 19, 2019, next steps for formulating a vision for our future and how to incorporate the findings of the New Beginnings Report from 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact the Moderator or the Clerk.



Helping at the Holidays

When you know someone is struggling during the holidays, here are some simple ways you can make a big difference:

Offer to help in specific ways. Try to anticipate needs and ways you can help. For example, you might ask: “Can I help you prepare Thanksgiving dinner?” or “Can I help put out the Christmas lights?” Remember, however, to follow the person’s lead and not just impose your help.

Help people pace themselves. The holidays are busy, and those who are hurting may need help or permission to slow down or do less than they ordinarily would. Let people know it’s okay to conserve energy, take breaks, and pick which activities and traditions to take part in.

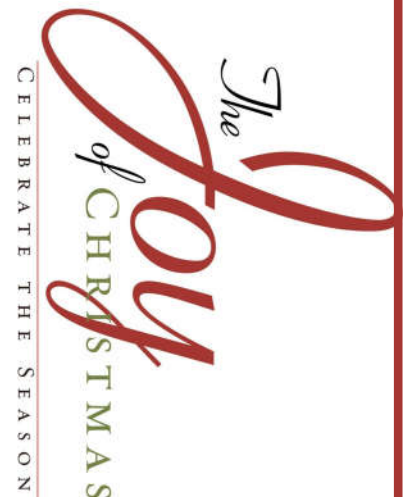
Ask people how they’re really doing. During the busyness of the holidays, it can be easy to just interact with people on a surface level. Finding a good time to ask hurting people how they’re really doing and then listening is a powerful way to care.

Validate feelings. When people do open up and share with you, listen and then show that you believe them and accept their feelings. Letting people know it’s okay to feel whatever they’re feeling can provide a lot of comfort.

By relating in these ways, you can help hurting people find comfort and hope in a difficult time.

Stephen Ministry will sponsor The Longest Night: A Service of Healing and Wholeness at 4:30 pm on Sunday, December 22. This service is open to all and will be followed by a light supper and fellowship.

And if you or someone you know needs a confidential Christian friend to walk with them during difficult times, the church’s Stephen Ministry is here to help. Contact Alice Davis or Rev. Caroline Kelly for more information.



December 1	1st Sunday of Advent
December 4	Christmas Craft Night 5:30 pm
December 7	Lessons & Carols 7:00 pm
December 8	2 nd Sunday of Advent
December 13-15	Youth trip to Phelps
December 15	3 rd Sunday of Advent
	Christmas Pageant 11:00 am
	Handel’s Messiah 6 pm
December 22	4th Sunday of Advent
	Longest Night Service 4:30 pm
December 24	Christmas Eve services 5:30 and 11:00 pm
December 29	one service 10:00 am
January 5	Epiphany

MISSION

A New Bus in the New Year

In India where Dalit (outcaste) children are often shunned, the arrival of a big yellow bus to take them to school is a powerful witness to Christ's love for them. Read in the new prayer letter from Witnessing Ministries of Christ about the goal of securing two new buses in 2020. Click [here](#).



Members of DYC prepare Blessing Boxes that will be installed on the property of The Presbyterian Church and Trinity Episcopal Church.

Members of DYC shop at Walmart for their annual trip to Phelps, KY. They will be providing gifts to 35 children this year.



Centre students, part of the after school tutoring program, waiting on students from Danville and Boyle County Schools to arrive.



FAITH FORMATION



Centre students celebrate Emma Stowe's birthday at a recent Peaceful Thursday gathering.

Lynn Preston gets Marcus Strauch and Jay Hoebelheinrich off to a good start during our recent Milestone celebrating Parenthood.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Janelle Dishman Dan Elkin Ann Erwin Judith Pointer Jia Jane Love John Nelson Frances Nido Mark and Sharon Noell Jackie Owens Jim Stewart	Charlie Taylor The Cleveland family The Durham family The Gordon family The Halloran family The Rodelius family Kila Tripp (Janelle Dishman's Granddaughter) And those unnamed
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Mary Rodelius
 September 10, 1927—October 26, 2019

William (Bill) Durham
 June 24, 1929—November 10, 2019

Lana (Sue) Cleveland
 June 4, 1947—November 1, 2019



Katherine (Kay) Durham
 October 18, 1928—November 11, 2019

Thomas (Tom) Halloran
 October 5, 1937—November 8, 2019

Joyce Walters Gordon
 February 13, 1934—November 14, 2019

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2019

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF / IN HONOR OF FRIENDS OR LOVED ONES

The church is offering poinsettias in memory of or in honor of friends and loved ones, with the names and the donors to be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. **All contributions must be received in the church office by December 15.**

For the Sanctuary: A contribution of \$10.00 is requested for each name that you wish to memorialize or honor.

Your Name: _____
 In Memory of: _____
 In Honor of: _____
 Total amount: \$_____

For our Homebound: We will deliver these in early December to our homebound members. A contribution of \$10.00 will make possible one poinsettia.

Your Name: _____
 In Memory of: _____
 In Honor of: _____
 Total amount: \$_____

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, December 1 (8:30 a.m.)

Elder/Deacon of the Week: Mark Tibbles
Liturgist: Sue Sullivan
Communion Preparer: Mary Spoonamore
Ushers: Susan Neale and Mark Tibbles
Advent Candle Lighters: The Young family

Sunday, December 1 (11:00 a.m.)

Elder/Deacon of the Week: Charlie Boyd
Liturgist: Scott Scutchfield
Ushers: Kylin and Luke Jia
Greeters: Jamey and Beth Leahey
Nursery: Ann Young
Communion Preparers: Tressa Brown and Susan Neal
Communion Servers: Jim Boyd, Sara Egge, Alice Davis, Roger Hartner, Peggy Tudor, Beth Leahey, Mark Tibbles and Laura Russell
Advent Candle Lighters: Preston and Kathy Miles

Sunday, December 8 (8:30 a.m.)

Elder/Deacon of the Week: Susan Matherly
Liturgist: Mark Tibbles
Communion Preparers: Ed and Denise Rall
Ushers: Susan Neale and Mark Tibbles
Advent Candle Lighters: The Preston family

Sunday, December 8 (11:00 a.m.)

Elder/Deacon of the Week: Steve Messer
Liturgist: Jack Erwin
Ushers: Kylin and Luke Jia, Preston and Kathy Miles
Greeter: Jamey and Beth Leahey
Nursery: Laurie Pierce
Advent Candle Lighters: Bill and Mary Beth Garriott

Sunday, December 15 (8:30 a.m.)

Elder/Deacon of the Week: Scott Johnson
Liturgist: Dale Kihlman
Communion Preparer: David Cleveland, Cole Miller and Jackie Stigall
Ushers: Susan Neale and Mark Tibbles
Advent Candle Lighters: Luke Jia and Emily Messer

Sunday, December 15 (11:00 a.m.)

Elder/Deacon of the Week: Peggy Tudor
Liturgist: Tara Strauch
Nursery: Kim Ragland
Greeter:
Ushers: Kylin and Luke Jia
Advent Candle Lighters: The Boyd family

Sunday, December 22 (8:30 a.m.)

Elder/Deacon of the Week: Casey Tibbles
Liturgist: Harold McKinney
Communion Preparers: Don and Nancy Porter
Ushers: Susan Neal and Mark Tibbles
Advent Candle Lighters: David and Susan Shewmaker

Sunday, December 22 (11:00 a.m.)

Elder/Deacon of the Week: Charlie Boyd
Liturgist: Jean Smith
Ushers: Kylin and Luke Jia
Greeter:
Nursery: Molly Boyd
Advent Candle Lighters: Eric and Jean Smith

Tuesday, December 24 (5:30 p.m.)

Ushers:
Communion Preparers: Tressa Brown and Susan Neale
Communion Servers: Mary Covell, Susan Matherly, AJ Strauch, Kathy Howells, Katie Banks and Steve Messer
Advent Candle Lighters: The Ahnquist family

Tuesday, December 24 (11:00 p.m.)

Ushers:
Communion Preparers: Tressa Brown and Susan Neale
Communion Servers: Vickie Glidewell, Chris Glidewell, Joanie Lukins and Fred Marr
Advent Candle Lighters:

Sunday, December 29 (10:00 a.m.)

Elder/Deacon of the Week: Jim Boyd
Liturgist: Matt Pierce
Ushers: Kylin and Luke Jia
Greeter:
Nursery: Amy Wilson

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, December 1

1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Worship with Eucharist
9:30 AM Christian Formation for All Ages
11:00 AM Worship
3:00 PM Messiah Practice
5:15 PM NYC at Trinity

Monday, December 2

9:00 AM GED classes
10:00 AM AA Meeting
2:00 PM Home School Spanish
6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, December 3

9:00 AM GED classes
9:30 AM Women's Book Study
12:00 PM Staff Meeting
1:30 PM Worship Staff Meeting
6:00 PM World Mission

Wednesday, December 4

Salvation Army Bell Ringing (10am - 8pm)

9:00 AM GED classes
9:30 AM Beginning Yoga
10:00 AM AA Meeting
5:30 PM Christmas Craft Night
5:30 PM Confirmation
6:00 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM Choir

Thursday, December 5

Salvation Army Bell Ringing (10am - 8pm)

9:00 AM GED classes
10:30 AM Bible Study
11:30 AM Budget and Finance (Chapel)
1:00 PM Home School Spanish
3:00 PM Hammered Dulcimers
6:00 PM NAMI
6:30 PM Advocate Brass Band practice
8:00 PM Peaceful Thursdays

Friday, December 6

Salvation Army Bell Ringing (10am - 8pm)

10:00 AM AA Meeting
2:00 PM GED Graduation in FH
7:30 PM Norton Center Event`

Saturday, December 7

Presbytery Meeting at Lexington Korean Presbyterian Church
Salvation Army Bell Ringing (10am - 8pm)
7:00 PM Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 8

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Worship with Eucharist
9:30 AM Christian Formation for All Ages
11:00 AM Worship
3:00 PM McDowell Place Worship Service

3:00 PM Messiah Practice

5:15 PM NYC at Trinity

Monday, December 9

9:00 AM GED classes
10:00 AM AA Meeting
2:00 PM Home School Spanish

Tuesday, December 10

9:00 AM GED classes
12:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, December 11

9:00 AM GED classes
9:30 AM Beginning Yoga
10:00 AM AA Meeting
5:30 PM Confirmation
5:30 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship
6:00 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM Choir Christmas Party @ Kelly/Mooney House

Thursday, December 12

9:00 AM GED classes
10:30 AM Bible Study
1:00 PM Home School Spanish
6:00 PM NAMI
8:00 PM Peaceful Thursdays

Friday, December 13

Phelps (Senior High only)

10:00 AM AA Meeting

Saturday, December 14

Phelps (Senior High only)

8:30 AM Soup's On Us
10:00 AM Messiah Rehearsal
1:30 PM Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, December 15

3rd Sunday of Advent

Phelps (Senior High only)

8:30 AM Worship with Eucharist
9:30 AM Christian Formation for All Ages
11:00 AM Christmas Pageant & Reception
6:00 PM Music on Main Street: Messiah

Monday, December 16

10:00 AM AA Meeting
2:00 PM Home School Spanish
6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 17

9:30 AM Women's Book Study
12:00 PM Staff Meeting
1:30 PM Worship Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Bell Choir Party at the Boyd Home
7:00 PM Local Mission

Wednesday, December 18

9:30 AM Beginning Yoga
10:00 AM AA Meeting
2:30 PM Hammered Dulcimers
5:30 PM Confirmation
5:30 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship
6:00 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM Choir

Thursday, December 19

10:30 AM Bible Study
5:15 PM Arnold Tower (Session)
6:00 PM NAMI

Friday, December 20

10:00 AM AA Meeting

Saturday, December 21

Sunday, December 22

4th Sunday of Advent

First Day of Winter

8:30 AM Worship with Eucharist
9:30 AM Christian Formation for All Ages
11:00 AM Worship
4:30 PM Longest Night Service and Light Meal

Monday, December 23

10:00 AM AA Meeting

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Office Open Till Noon

5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service
11:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

Church Closed

10:00 AM AA Meeting

Thursday, December 26

Church Closed

6:00 PM NAMI

Friday, December 27

10:00 AM AA Meeting

Saturday, December 28

Sunday, December 29

9:30 AM Christian Formation for All Ages
10:00 AM Worship with Eucharist

Monday, December 30

10:00 AM AA Meeting

Tuesday, December 31

New Years' Eve

Office Open Till Noon

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