



ACTIVITIES FOR TODAY

Session Exam will be held for the Officers' Class of 2021 in the adult Sunday school suite.



Join Justice Knox's Education Committee tonight, Sunday, December 2nd at 6:00pm at First Presbyterian Church for a Potluck Dinner and to learn more about restorative practices from national expert Keith Hickman of the International Institute of Restorative Practices. This event is open to the public and all are welcome. If you know teachers, principals, parents, others who work in the schools or anyone who is particularly interested in understanding more about this discipline method, please encourage them to attend! Please bring a dish to share for our potluck!

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Al-Anon meets in Ministry Room B each Monday at noon.

The FISH Pantry will be open on Tuesday, December 4th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are always welcome.

The Sertoma Center will hold classes each Tuesday from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. in Ministry Rooms B and C.



An Advent Affair will be held on Wednesday, December 5th, beginning with a meal served by Emery Team #1. There will be a nursery for two-year olds and younger. Pre-schoolers will go with Ms. Sharon and Mr. Raymond. Something for all, don't miss it! Elementary school children and youth will attend the Christmas pageant rehearsal in fellowship hall.

AA meets in Ministry Room B each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. and also each Friday evening at 6:00 p.m.

OF CONGREGATIONAL INTEREST

† In the Church Triumphant †
 "I am the resurrection and the life."
 William Glenn Bullock, Sr.
 November 22 1930 - November 25, 2018

The Christmas Joy Offering will be taken at both services on Sunday, December 23rd.

WEEKLY CALENDAR
FOR GROUPS AND COMMITTEES
DECEMBER 2 THROUGH DECEMBER 8

Sunday, 12/2

8:45 a.m. Early Worship Service
 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Class of 2021 Session Exam
 10:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service
 12:15 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Justice Knox Education
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, 12/3

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meets

Tuesday, 12/4

9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry Opens
 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Parents' Day Out
 1:00 p.m. Sertoma Center Classes

Wednesday, 12/5

5:30 p.m. Evening Meal
 6:30 p.m. An Advent Affair
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 12/6

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Parents' Day Out

Friday, 12/7

6:00 p.m. AA Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Parade

Saturday, 12/8

No Church Events Are Scheduled

VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

Please sign the Friendship Book to let us know you were here!

Interested in joining: Speak to a Pastor after the service or email william@fpcknox.org or meredith@fpcknox.org

FM headset receivers for the hearing impaired with may be obtained from your usher.

There are burgundy pew cushions available for adults and white cushions for children for those who would like a "softer" seat. If you need assistance with a pew cushion, please ask a deacon serving at the doors of the sanctuary.

Childcare is provided for infants through first grade during all chapel and sanctuary services for the convenience of the children and parents, and the congregation.

Enlarged copies of today's Order of Worship are available with the regular bulletins for the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

If you would like to listen to our 11:00 a. m. worship service on our webcast, please go to liveaudio.fpcknox.org. If you are experiencing any problem with getting the service, please notify the church office and someone from the Communications Committee will help you set up your computer so that you will be able to listen to the service.

Copies of our Pastors' sermons for the previous Sunday are available outside all doors of the sanctuary and chapel for one week and thereafter are available in the church office. Copies of past sermons, except for guest ministers, can also be found on our website at <http://fpcknox.org/category/sermons/>. Sermons remain on our website for one year after the date it was preached.

Wheelchairs are available near the elevators on the sanctuary level for those who have difficulty walking. Please call ahead if you will need help from the parking lot. Ushers will assist you.



Christmas Flowers - In order to be included in the Christmas flower insert, all requests for memorials and honorariums must be received by Monday, December 11th. Forms are available on the counter, under the bulletin board, in the Commons.



ADVENT
for Families

The 2018 Advent Booklets, with Daily Bible Readings and illustrations by the children, are available in the Commons. We hope you will take one and share it with your family.



The Volunteer Ministry Center will once again operate the "Holiday Store" this festive season. First Presbyterian Church is collecting gifts throughout the early December. There are flyers located on the counter, under the bulletin board, in the Commons. **REMEMBER** - these gifts are to be **unwrapped** and placed in the large labeled boxes at the P1 and P2 parking levels.



Preparing for Christmas
Are you looking for a meaningful, yet simple, activity for your family to all engage in during this Advent season?

Please join other FPC families in following our illustrated **Advent for Families - Preparing the Way**. You will find copies in the Children's Area.



A Season of Giving – Angel Tree in Fellowship Hall

FPC's annual Angel Tree is ready for you to visit! Please look for it in the Fellowship Hall and grab a few ornaments with requested needs and gifts that will benefit the YWCA (wrapped), Montgomery Village Ministry, (unwrapped), and Dogwood Elementary School. Gifts, (unwrapped), should be placed in bins in the Fellowship Hall by December 5th. "An Advent Affair" (formerly known as The Giving Party) will be held on December 12th. Please see a member of the Local Missions Committee if you have questions.



Advent Lessons and Carols

Please join the Adult Choir and string ensemble on Sunday, December 9th at the 11:00 a.m. worship service as they present their annual program of Advent Lessons and Carols.



Christmas Eve Prelude

The Prelude for the 11:00 p.m. service begins at 10:30 on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th. At that time our Adult Choir will present the Johann S. Bach Christmas Cantata, *To Us a Child is Born*.

Christmas Pageant Choir Come one, come all!



Join fellow church members in singing for our annual Christmas Pageant. We will rehearse one hour before the service at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16th.

**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE
ALL CHURCH
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

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The Fellowship Committee will hold an Adult (ages 21 - 99) Fellowship Christmas Party on December 15th at the home of Emily and Preston Smith - 212 Hanna Point Knoxville, 37923 - from 6 -10 p.m.

- ◆ Bring a "White Elephant" gift to exchange - encouraged but not required (value about \$10).
- ◆ BYOB and an appetizer or dessert to share.



Please RSVP by Thursday, December 13th to: memilysmith@gmail.com



Christmas Season at First Church



Wednesday, December 5 - An Advent Affair

Sunday, December 9 - 9:45 a.m.
Jesus' Friends Christmas Party



Sunday, December 9 - 11:00 Service
Advent Lessons and Carols. Please join the adult choir and string ensemble as they present their annual program.



4:00 p.m. Youth Scavenger Hunt



Wednesday, December 12
Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 16

5:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant
6:00 p.m. Congregational Christmas Meal



Friday, December 21 - Church Open House

On Sunday, December 23rd, we will have our a regular worship service - 8:45 a.m. in the chapel, Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and a regular worship service at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Monday, December 24

5:00 - Family Service - Sanctuary
Candlelight Service with Communion
11:00 p.m. - Sanctuary
Candlelight Service with Communion
(Music begins at 10:30 p.m.)
Our adult choir will present the Johann S. Bach Christmas Cantata *To Us a Child is Born.*



Tuesday, December 25

**GET A HEAD START
ON YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING!**



In The Mission Market you'll find new Christmas decorations and gifts, including Advent Calendars with a sweet surprise behind every door.

Two Opportunities for Free Gift Wrapping in the Mission Market 9:30-11:00 on Sunday, Dec. 2 AND 4:00-5:00 on Sunday, Dec. 16 (before the Christmas Pageant).

The Mission Market will be Open every Sunday, 9:30-11 plus Sunday, Dec. 16, 4-5:00 Open every Wednesday there is a meal, 6-6:30.



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