



ACTIVITIES FOR TODAY

Advent Lessons and Carols – Please join the Adult Choir and string ensemble at the 11:00 a.m. worship service as they present their annual program of Advent Lessons and Carols. Postponed due to inclement weather on December 9th.

The Board of Deacons meet at 12:15 p.m. in the session room.

Good Humor Team #1 cooks and serves dinner for the VMC at 3:00 p.m.



Our Annual Christmas Pageant will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A catered congregational Christmas meal will follow in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m.

Our congregation has always been kind to support the FISH Pantry on Christmas Pageant night. This year we would like to ask for toiletry items such as bars of bath soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, razors, deodorant and dish detergent.



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.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

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

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

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



Come to a Christmas Open House at First Presbyterian Church on Friday, Dec. 21st, 5:00 -7:00 p.m.! We are part of a downtown church tour sponsored by *City People* that also includes Church Street United Methodist and First Baptist. Enjoy our Christmas decorations, get a tour of our historic stained glass windows, and visit our Mission Market, where fair-trade items from around the world are available for purchase. Coffee and cake will be served at the Market. Come in the main entrance on State Street, and get to know our downtown neighbors!

OF CONGREGATIONAL INTEREST

The Church Office will close at noon on Friday, December 21st and remain closed December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holidays.



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

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR GROUPS AND COMMITTEES DECEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 22

Sunday, 12/16

8:45 a.m. Early Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal
12:15 p.m. Board of Deacons Meet
3:00 p.m. Good Humor Team #1
5:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant
6:00 p.m. Catered Congregational Dinner
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, 12/17

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meets

Tuesday, 12/18

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Parents' Day Out
PDO Christmas Sing at 1:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m. Sertoma Center Classes

Wednesday, 12/19

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 12/20

No Church Events Are Scheduled

Friday, 12/21

Church Office Closes at Noon
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Church Open House
6:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, 12/22

No Church Events Are Scheduled

VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

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

In the event of inclement weather, notification of cancellation of services will be sent via email, Facebook, and on the homepage of our website. We will make a decision to cancel by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8:00 a.m. on Sundays.

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.

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

As known by the church

Henry Sowards	1/1	Natalie Ahlstedt	1/9	Anneliese Brownlee	1/16
Jimmy Bellamy	1/2	Eliza Norrell	1/9	Sam Pittenger	1/16
Debbie Christiansen	1/2	Stephen (Stever) Fox	1/10	Laura Mansfield	1/17
Joan Regester	1/2	Robbie Davis	1/13	Sam Shadwell	1/19
Bill Butler	1/3	Peyton Mayberry	1/13	Meg Goddard	1/21
Lanny Payne	1/3	Rachel Trentham	1/13	Stuart Worden	1/22
Nicholas Riordan	1/3	Aaron Crump	1/14	Lisa Jenkins	1/23
Warren Morelock, II	1/6	Charles Payne	1/14	Cindy McReynolds	1/23
Bill Morrow	1/7	Troy Williams	1/14	Will Spurlock	1/27
Anne Pittenger	1/7	Cameron Allen	1/16	Max Pittenger	1/29
John Wilkins	1/8				



Dedication Sunday, January 6, 2019 Building Renovation

After several years of conversations and strategizing, followed by 6 ½ years of actual planning and implementing, the official conclusion to our building renovation is here! On Sunday, January 6, 2019, we will hold one worship service at 11 a.m. to express in worship our thanksgiving for this monumental work. Please make worship attendance an extra priority for this service of celebration and thanksgiving.



Christmas Season at First Church



Friday, December 21

Church Open House - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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

The Church Office will be closed beginning at noon on Friday, December 21st and remain closed on Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th.

FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING!



In The Mission Market you'll find new Christmas decorations and gifts.

Free Gift Wrapping
in the Mission Market 9:30-11:00 a.m.
on Sunday, Dec.16 AND 4:00-5:00 p.m.
(before the Christmas Pageant).

Lauren Nunn has donated her handmade jewelry for sale with the total purchase price going to Panzi Hospital. See the jewelry in The Commons. Pay in the Mission Market.



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