



Corbin Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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Message from the Pastor

As we move from Thanksgiving and Stewardship Season into a new church year at Advent, it is important to say “THANK YOU” for the many gifts and givers in our midst. Thank you to all who support the work of this church by giving of your time, talent and treasure—those who pray and gather regularly for worship—those who welcome visitors and provide for our fellowship gatherings—those who offer care to church family and friends who experience loss or need help and encouragement in times of illness or in caring for loved ones—those who coordinate and serve in outreach ministries in this church, in partnership with our neighboring churches, and in the community—those who work behind the scenes to care for our building and keep our office running smoothly—those who see that our financial resources are used wisely—those who encourage our worship with music, flowers, and creative expressions of God’s bounty—those who study and teach the Scriptures and guide our learning—those who serve faithfully as our elected spiritual leaders on the Session—those who remind us of our history and the faithful men and women who built this community of faith—and those who cast a vision of what God is leading us to become. Like Paul, writing to the church in Philippi, “I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.” (Phil. 1:3-5)

On December 1st we begin the new church year and the Advent season. This year as we prepare to celebrate God’s gift of light and love, the birth of the Christ child at Christmas, we will be guided by the theme: *What Can’t Wait?* I encourage you to read more about this theme described in this newsletter. We will be exploring scripture as it guides us in setting priorities for our preparation and celebration. You will notice decorations in the sanctuary will be added gradually as we make our way toward Christmas, we will make fellowship a priority, and encourage one another to slow down and make room for devotional time and prayer. This Advent we are all invited to join in imagining, prioritizing, and preparing as we wait, asking what can wait and what can’t.

Grace and peace,
Lisa



ABOUT THE THEME

Advent is a season of waiting, but is idle waiting what God wants of us? In preparation for the coming Messiah, we wonder together—what things can't wait? What demands our immediate attention? What requires our work and preparation? What is it that God can't wait for? Is it our praise, reconciliation, and proclamation? Is it the end of suffering, isolation, and fear? This Advent, we are invited to join in imagining, prioritizing, and preparing. As we wait, what can't?

DECEMBER 1ST | 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | GOD'S PROMISED DAY CAN'T WAIT

(Hope can't wait) ISAIAH 2:1-5 & PSALM 122

These texts speak of God's promised day—a day when wars end, swords are beaten into plowshares, and spears become pruning hooks. On the first Sunday in Advent, we focus on the need to hold onto hope, to continue dreaming of and reaching for God's promised day where there will be peace and all will know love. How does this unrelenting hope change us? How does it change our world?

DECEMBER 8TH | 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | REPENTANCE CAN'T WAIT

(Peace can't wait) ISAIAH 11:1-10 & MATTHEW 3:1-2

Isaiah points to a peace this world has yet to know—peace where the wolf lies with the lamb and a child shall lead us. John the Baptist invites us to believe in this vision of peace, but first, we must repent of the ways we turn away from God and do harm to others and ourselves. Only through honest confession can we seek reconciliation and become vessels of God's peace, facilitators of the Kingdom of God drawn near.

DECEMBER 15TH | 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DELIGHT CAN'T WAIT

(Joy can't wait) ISAIAH 35:1-10 & LUKE 1:46B-55

Mary's Magnificat shows us deep and holy joy—joy that trusts God's promises of restoration, new beginnings, food for the hungry, and justice for the wronged. In Isaiah, creation sings with abundant joy, blooming open like a crocus. What does it look like to delight in God's goodness? How do we respond to God's work in the world with joy? How can we be singers of joy?

DECEMBER 22ND | 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | COURAGE CAN'T WAIT

(Love can't wait) MATTHEW 1:18-25

As Christmas draws near, we meditate on the courage required of both Joseph and Mary. When Joseph learns of Mary's pregnancy, he decides to avert scandal and dismiss her quietly. But when an angel comes to him in a dream, he chooses to trust the angel and act counter to social and gender norms—all so that the world might know love. How might we practice courageous, counter-cultural love? How can we be brave enough to love one another and respond to God's call in our lives?

DECEMBER 24TH | CHRISTMAS EVE | WHAT CAN'T WAIT?—MESSIAH HAS COME!

LUKE 2:1-14(15-20) & ISAIAH 9:2-7

Christmas reminds us that God couldn't wait for the end of war, suffering, or human injustice. God couldn't wait, so God broke through the shadows to bring light and love. God couldn't wait to be love in flesh—and neither should we.



Our Prayer List Includes

Sandra Adams, Kathy Anderson, Danny Angel, Linda Bain, Steven Barton, Amanda Bays, Dwight Barnett, Tom & Charlene Blair, Ivy Boggess, Patti Brasure, Jack Bright, Billie & John Brisson, Larry Britton, Lisa Sevier Bruner, Eddie Bryant, Bobby McBurney, Kelsey Cader, Denzil Caudill, Aiden Craft, Bill Christman, Greg Duncum, Sydnee Elliott, William Ellis, Brittany Fritte, Chad Fugitt, David Gaddis, Donna Gilstrap, Lonnie Godsey, Margaree Gray, Delores Freeman-Harper "D", Pam & Rob Hall, Judy Hart, James Helton, Dell Henderlight, Rhonda Hoffman, Chad Howard, Clay Howard, Donna Hollis, Katherine Hoskins, June Hubbard, Elizabeth Hughes, Carolyn Hyden, Barry Irby, Sam Jackson, Wayne Jenkins, Barbara Johnson, Courtney & Payton Johnson, Rita Karr, Billie King, Jodie Lanala, Chris & Ashley Lay, Carolyn Lawson, Jaysha Lawson, Damion Lawson, Dora Lester, Don Light, Cade Lindsey, Rick Lindsey, Gayle Majors, Ruth Martin, Brenda May, Jean McDonald, Kathryn Lay-McLane, Joanna Middleton, Charles Wayne Miles, Johnny Miller, Keith Miracle, Lori Miracle, Rose Mitchell, Rob Mosser, Pam Omey, the Family of Tom Osbourne, Joshua Penton, Avery & Sharon Perry, David Reece, Earl Roden, Daniel Rose, Johnny Rose, Tony Rose, Wayne Rowlett, Denny Sams, Robert Sandridge, Jason Scott, Linda Scott, Peter John Scray, Michael Seay, Terry Seder, Lena Seely, Glenda Sexton, Terry Sexton, Joan Schlesing, Mae Shelley, Gary Shelton, Sawyer Sherrod, Alma Smith, Keats Smith, Nathan Wayne Smith, Shanna Smith, Flora Strange, Bonnie Sutton, Tommy Sutton, Arthur Strunk, Jack Taylor, Tony Taylor, George Andrew Terrell, Dorothy Tucker, Susan Versaw, Family of Shane Walker, Carmel Wallace, Roberta & Phil Webb, Connie Wells, Jeremy Wilson.

Prayer requests and updates may be placed in the offering plate or shared with the Church Office.

"With confidence in your love and mercy, O God, we lift our prayers for those in need. Heal them in body, mind, or circumstance, working in them, by your grace, wonders beyond all they may dream or hope. Amen."



**APPLYING FOR
A FOOD
PANTRY CARD**

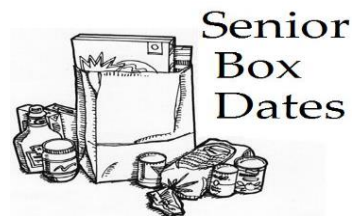
If you know anyone who is in need of a Food Pantry card to receive services from the CPC Food Pantry, please refer them to Corbin's United Effort (CUE).

**CUE phone
number – 606-
528-7523**

**Hours of
Operation
Tue - Thur
9:00am – 3:00pm**

**The next Senior Box Distribution Day
is Wednesday, December 18th, 9am - 1pm**

*Thank you to all of the volunteers who help
make this ministry possible.*



Volunteers are needed:

Monday, December 16th at 9:30 am to help
unload food delivered by God's Pantry.

Tuesday, December 17th at 6:00pm to pack boxes.

Wednesday, December 18th from 9:00am-1:00pm to greet seniors and assist
with distribution of boxes.

Don't think you can lift boxes? There are still many ways you can help. See
Ed & Sam Tye or **Karen Nies** for more information. Information about Senior
Box eligibility and applications is available by contacting Sam Tye at 606-524-
1521, or the Church Office.



**Come join us for our Christmas Eve
Candlelight Communion Service on Tuesday,
December 24th from 6pm-7pm.**



Be sure to look for Advent devotional materials in the fellowship hall and on the website.

Stewardship Update - Thank you to all who have made a financial pledge to support the ministry of this congregation in the coming year. As of November 24, we have received 16 pledges for a total of \$82,680.00 to support the mission and ministry of Corbin Presbyterian Church. If you have not yet made a pledge you may still do so by returning your pledge card to the church office or placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. Each pledge, small or large, is an expression of faith and gratitude to God for the gifts we have received and our intention to use them for God's service.

First Christian Church of Corbin, KY., is having their annual Christmas Pipe Organ Concert on Monday, December 2nd at 7pm at the church. Featured organists will be Clay Howard, Bill Robinson, and Jim David Thomas. A reception will follow in the Buttermore Lounge. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the music!

Winter Solstice – The first day of winter begins Sunday, December 22nd

5th Sunday Offering will be Sunday, December 29th

Buckhorn Christmas Gifts – Supporting the ministry of Buckhorn Children's Center in Buckhorn, KY by providing Christmas gifts for residents has become an important annual tradition! The Buckhorn Campus in Central Appalachia is where Harvey S. Muchdoch founded the ministry in 1902 as an orphanage and school, Witherspoon College, for children in that isolated mountain region. Today, Buckhorn's ministry reaches across the state to provide a sanctuary of health, healing, and hope to well over one thousand at-risk children and families touched by abuse and neglect at its two residential campuses and community-based centers.

This year we have received "wish lists" for the 12-14 year-old female residents of Midway Cottage on the Buckhorn Campus, along with a list of items for the cottage that are shared by all the residents. If you would like to help with this ministry, please see the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

The deadline for gifts to be delivered to the church is Wednesday, December 11th

Thank you to Karlyle Young and Margaret Keith who have volunteered to deliver the gifts on Thursday, December 12th

Gifts should not be wrapped and should be marked with name of the intended recipient. However, donations of gift bag(s) with tissue, wrapping paper, bows, ribbons, tape, etc., are welcomed.

To learn more about the ministry of Buckhorn, go to www.buckhorn.org.

Church office will be closed

Friday, December 13th

Wednesday, December 25th Christmas Day

Thursday, December 26th



Cub Scout Pack #488 meetings will be on Tuesdays at 6:00pm.

Updated deadlines:

Bulletin 10am on Thursdays.

The Session will meet Tuesday, December 17th at 6pm

White Flag Ministry-Corbin Presbyterian Church is partnering with our neighbors, St. John's Episcopal Church to provide the meal for the White Flag Cold Weather Relief Ministry located at 401 Roy Kidd Avenue, across from Tipton & Tipton, on the 3rd Thursdays from November – March. See the White Flag Facebook page to learn about this exciting community outreach.

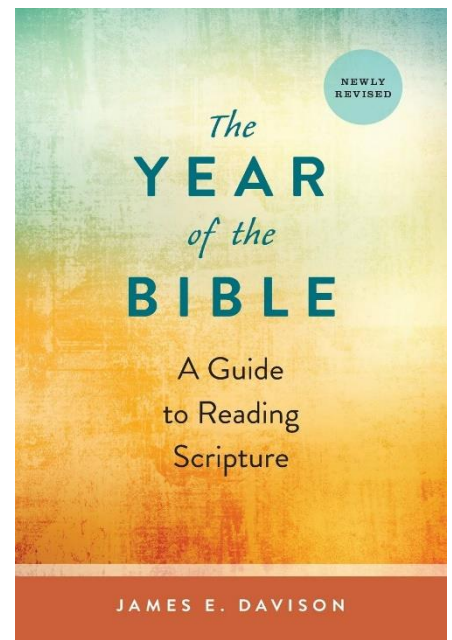
3 volunteers are needed each week to greet guests, serve and clean up. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

We are also collecting warm hats, gloves, and socks for guests. Donations of *new* items in adult and children's sizes are gratefully accepted!

2020 will be *The Year of the Bible* at Corbin Presbyterian Church

This coming year will be an important time for our congregation. We plan to make the Bible the theme for special emphasis during the entire year. This book is basic to our faith. This book has sustained millions and millions of people throughout their lives. This book is special: it is God's Word to us. Yet many people say that they do not know the Bible very well. We hope to change that next year! The Session has adopted a program that we are calling ***The Year of the Bible***. The centerpiece for the program is a challenge to everyone in the congregation to read the entire Bible in one year! We will be providing help and guidance as the year progresses.

Look for more details throughout the month, including a resource book to guide you in your reading, suggestions for deciding which Bible translation you will use, and much more. This is a challenge and it will require commitment, but you will find the effort well worth your time!



Corbin Presbyterian Church Christmas Dinner



*Sunday, December 15th from 5:30-7:00pm
We look forward to seeing everyone!*

*More information about the dinner and food items will
be posted on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary
soon.*

White Flag Winter Ministry group from Thursday, November 21st.

**We would like to extend a gracious *thank you* to
those who volunteered!**



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It is that time of year again for the beautiful Christmas season. Last year, I was learning all about Advent and seeing

*A Note from your
Administrative
Assistant*

how the church takes part in the celebration of the season in so many ways. As I reflect on this, I have the great admittance that I learned so much and am truly thankful and grateful to have gotten to experience this here at Corbin Presbyterian church and with everyone who I've come to know and love dearly here as well.

As I mentioned last December, this is one of my most favorite times of the year because it is a truly humbling time when recognizing that everything changed with the birth of Jesus Christ. A blessed reason to celebrate the miracle of the season! I am greatly excited to take part in Advent as well, and to be more engaged with what I can do as a Christian and a person, a neighbor, friend, family member, and even a stranger to some who I encounter.

2019 is coming to an end this month, a new year approaches with great things to look forward to. I count my many blessings and include being here with the church. I look forward to beginning another new year with everyone in January.

I wish each of you a very blessed and Merry Christmas.

I hope you each enjoy family and friends, receive peace and joy, stay safe in travels, and embrace this precious season!

-Shelby Stanaford



DECEMBER CALENDER

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 1 st Advent Sunday School 9:30am Worship & Communion 11am Home Communion 12pm	2 Annual Pipe Organ Concert & Reception 7pm	3 Cub Scouts Pack 488 6-7:30pm	4 Sr Box Sign-Ups 10am-12pm Choir Rehearsal 7-8pm	5 Bulletin Deadline 10am TOPS Meeting 5-7pm	6 Al Anon 12-1pm	7 Transylvania Presbytery Meeting 10am-3pm Lex. Korean Presbyterian Church
8 2 nd Advent Sunday School 9:30am Worship 11am	9	10 Cub Scouts Pack 488 6-7:30pm	11 Deadline for Buckhorn gifts to church	12 Gifts delivered to Buckhorn Bulletin Deadline 10am TOPS Meeting 5-7pm	13 Office Closed Al Anon 12-1pm	14
15 3 rd Advent Sunday School 9:30am Worship 11am Christmas Dinner 5:30-7pm	16 Sr Box Truck Delivery 9:30am	17 Cub Scouts Pack 488 6-7:30pm Pack Sr Boxes 6- 7pm Session 6pm	18 Sr Box Pick Up Day 9am-1pm Newsletter Deadline 10am Choir Rehearsal 7-8pm	19 Bulletin Deadline 10am Serving Meal for White Flag Ministry 4:30- 6pm TOPS Meeting 5-7pm	20 Al Anon 12-1pm Neighborhood Christmas Party & Caroling St. John's Episcopal Church 6-7:30pm	21
22 4 th Advent Sunday School 9:30am Worship 11am	23	24 Christmas Eve Christmas Eve Service 6pm 	25 Rev. Lisa away Christmas Day Church Office Closed 	26 Rev. Lisa away Church Office Closed TOPS Meeting 5-7pm	27 Rev. Lisa away Al Anon 12-1pm	28 Rev. Lisa away
29 Rev. Lisa away 1 st Sunday after Christmas 5 th Sunday Offering Sunday School 9:30am Worship 11am	30 Rev. Lisa away	31 Rev. Lisa away 	January 1 Rev. Lisa away New Year's Day Church Office Closed 	January 2 Rev. Lisa away Bulletin Deadline 10am TOPS Meeting 5-7pm		