



**ACTIVITIES FOR TODAY**



*The Mission Market* will be open from 9:30-10:00; 10:30-11:00 and 12-12:30. It will not be open during Sunday School or worship.




*The new member class concludes today.* It will be held during the Sunday school hour, at 9:45 a.m., in the Parlor. The Parlor is located in the third floor hallway across from the Chapel. At the end of today's session, there will be an opportunity to join the church, but there is no obligation to do so.



*Our Advent Service of Wholeness* —what some have called a “Blue” Christmas Service, or “A Christmas Liturgy in a Minor Key” will be held at 5 p.m. in the Chapel.

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

*Al-Anon meets* in the Jesus' Friends Classroom each Monday at noon.



*The PW Coordinating Team* will meet at 9:00 on Tuesday morning, December 13th, in the James Park room. At 10:30, the **Day Circles** will meet as follows: **Circle One** in James Park; **Circle Two** in the Parlor; **Circle Three** in Classroom 4. Following the meetings, lunch will be served in **Fellowship Hall** for a nominal fee. Dr. William Pender and Elizabeth Peterson will provide a program of Christmas music following lunch. **Tuesday Night Circle** will meet in the home of Mary Wilson, and a light dinner will be served; **The Esther Circle** will meet at The Bistro Restaurant at The Bijou at 6:30 and **The Lydia Circle** will meet Thursday evening, the 15th, at 6:00 at Cherokee Country Club.

*Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal*, will be held on Wednesday, December 14th, beginning with a congregational meal catered by Lenny's Subs and coordinated by the Kern Team #4.

*Session will meet on Wednesday, December 14th* at 7:30 p.m. in the session room. **Note** the meeting will be on the second Wednesday due to Christmas.

*AA meets* in the Jesus' Friends Classroom each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. and also each Friday evening at 6:00 p.m, followed by an “open meeting,” which will begin at 8:00 p.m.

**OF CONGREGATIONAL INTEREST**

† In the Church Triumphant †  
**"I am the resurrection and the life."**  
**John Lee Neely III**  
 July 15, 1934 - December 6, 2011



*Christmas Flowers* - In order to be included in the Christmas flower insert, all requests for memorials and honorariums must be received in the office by Monday, December 12. You will find forms on the table opposite the elevator in fellowship hall.

*The Christmas Joy Offering* will be received at both services on Sunday, December 18th.

*KIDS* - Remember to bring your Christmas Joy Offering boxes to church on Sunday, December 18th!

*Good Humor Team #4* will cook and serve a meal for the VMC on Sunday, December 18th. Team members who are unable to participate should notify team captains, Anne and Gaines Pittenger, at 522-9074.

*Congregational Sympathy is extended* to Don Cassell and his family in the death of his father, Don Cassell, Sr., who passed away on December 1st in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### FOR GROUPS AND COMMITTEES - DECEMBER 11 THROUGH DECEMBER 17

#### Sunday, 12/11

8:45 a.m. Chapel Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. New Member Class  
10:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service  
12:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Service for Wholeness  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

#### Monday, 12/12

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Parents' Day Out  
11:00 a.m. PW Bible Moderators  
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meets  
  
Tuesday, 12/13  
9 a.m.-2 p.m. Parents' Day Out  
9:00 a.m. PW Coordinating Team  
10:30 a.m. PW Day Circles Meet  
6:00 p.m. PW Night Circles Meet

#### Wednesday, 12/14

5:30 p.m. Evening Meal  
6:15 p.m. Pageant Dress Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Session Meets

#### Thursday, 12/15

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Parents' Day Out  
6:00 p.m. Lydia Circle Meets

#### Friday, 12/16

6:00 p.m. AA Meeting  
8:00 p.m. AA Open Meeting

#### Saturday, 12/17

6:00 p.m. TGIF Christmas Party

**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.

### VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

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

**Infrared headset receivers** for the hearing impaired with printed instructions may be obtained from your usher. Please leave the headset in the seat after each service.

**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** Sanctuary Order of Worship are located at the doors to the sanctuary.

**If you would like to listen** to our 11:00 a. m. worship service on our webcast, please go to [liveaudio.fpcknox.org](http://liveaudio.fpcknox.org). If you are a member and 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.

**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.

**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 located in the church library. Copies of past sermons, except for guest ministers, can also be found on our website at [www.fpcknox.org/sermons](http://www.fpcknox.org/sermons). Sermons remain on our website for one year after the date it was preached.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

As known by the church office

Debbie Christiansen	1/2	Stever Fox	1/10	Julia Leonard	01/17
Joan Register	1/2	Derrick Henson	1/12	Ken Hansen	01/18
Bill Butler	1/3	Ava Leedom	1/12	Andy Freeman	01/19
Lanny Payne	1/3	Robbie Davis	1/13	Sam Shadwell	01/19
Nicholas Riordan	1/3	Julia Pulliam	1/13	Aileen Brownlee	01/20
Libby Fisher	1/4	Rachel Trentham	1/13	Meg Goddard	01/21
Warren Morelock	1/6	Cyndee Brodie	1/14	Stuart Worden	01/22
Jay Hollingsworth	1/7	Charles Payne	1/14	Lisa Jenkins	01/23
Bill Morrow	1/7	Scott Reichen	1/14	Cindy McReynolds	01/23
Maria Otzenberger	1/7	Arwen Roach	1/14	Margaret Headrick	01/25
Anne Pittenger	1/7	Cameron Allen	1/16	John Niceley	01/26
LB Pitts	1/8	Sam Pittenger	1/16	Brian Lapps Jr.	01/29
John Wilkins	1/8	Mitchell Roberts	1/16	Max Pittenger	01/29
Michael Copeland	1/9	Laura Bower	1/17	Anna Grace Gilbert	01/30
Eliza Norrell	1/9	Sarah Henderson	1/17	Eric Whitener	01/31

### *The Christmas Pageant*

will be held on  
Sunday,  
December 18th

at 5:00 p.m., in the sanctuary.  
A meal, held in fellowship  
hall, will follow the  
performance.

A free-will offering will be  
received for the meal.



**Christmas Eve Communion:** In addition to the 11:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service (extended prelude to begin at 10:45 p.m.), our pastors will be available to serve home communion on December 24. Call the church office (546-2531) or email, [barb@fpcknox.org](mailto:barb@fpcknox.org), to schedule a time.



**College-age members** are invited to lunch at the Penders following the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 18. RSVP to [sapender@hotmail.com](mailto:sapender@hotmail.com) or 686-5214 (Pender's home phone).



## EUFAULA, ALABAMA PILGRIMAGE

*Update on our planned trip to Eufaula* - as of December 3, 12 of our reserved (25) rooms at Lakepoint State Park Resort Lodge have been secured. We appreciate your registration as soon as possible so we can solidify our plans. If you have friends who would enjoy this trip, please feel free to invite them. Information is posted on the First Seniors Bulletin Board in the hall outside fellowship hall. If you have questions, please call Earl or Peggy Hagler at 546-0063. Thanks for your interest.



*Walk Through Bethlehem*, Sunday, December 18th, 1 - 6 pm. at Church Street United Methodist Church, 900 Henley Street. Discover what the little village of Bethlehem might have been like the night Jesus was born.



*The TGIF Group* cordially invites you to *A National Lampoons Christmas Party!* Don the multi-patterned suit jackets, tacky Christmas sweater, or bathrobe and fur trooper hat and join us for an 80's themed Christmas party that will make Clark Griswold raise his Marty the Moose mug and toast. Please bring hors d'oeuvres to share (turkey jerky or a Jell-O mold perhaps?) and BYOB.

**Where:** Rachel and Brent Trentham's home, 629 Highland View Road Knoxville, TN 37920

**When:** Saturday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m.

**Who:** RSVP to Colleen Riordan, 661-3784 or [criordan@jainc.com](mailto:criordan@jainc.com)



**FYI:** This is an adult-only party.



**Christmas is coming** and we can help you with your shopping. Presbyterian Women have copies of "The Turnip Patch" cookbook for any cooks on your list. Cookbooks are just \$22.00. Contact Peggy Hagler to purchase.



## Christmas Season at First Church



**Sunday, December 18**  
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.  
Christmas Joy Offering

9:45 a.m. – Jesus' Friends  
Christmas Party  
5:00 p.m. – Christmas  
Pageant - Sanctuary,  
followed by a congregational  
meal in fellowship hall



**Saturday, December 24**  
5:00 - Family Service - Chapel  
11:00 p.m. - Sanctuary  
**LESSONS AND CAROLS**  
Candlelight Service  
with Communion



Christmas Eve Offering for Family  
Promise/IHN



**Saturday, December 24**  
10:30 am - 1:30 pm  
City Churches Christmas Day Dinner  
at Central United Methodist Church



**Christmas Day, December 25**  
We will have our 11:00 worship service.  
We will not have Sunday school  
or the 8:45 service. Less formal attire  
will be appropriate.



**Wednesday, January 4, 2011**  
6:00 p.m. – Epiphany/Twelfth Night Party



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