



NEWS FROM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | KNOXVILLE



The Christmas Pageant will be held at 5:00 p.m., in the sanctuary. A meal will be held in fellowship hall following the performance. A free-will offering will be received for the meal. The meal will be catered by Buddy's Barbecue.

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 Christmas Joy Offering will be received at both services.

Good Humor Team #4 will cook and serve a meal for the VMC at 3:00. Team members who are unable to participate should notify team captains, Anne and Gaines Pittenger, at 522-9074.



College-age members are invited to lunch at the Pender's condo following the 11:00 a.m. service.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

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

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



We welcome several new members who joined the church on Sunday, December 11th. Jeanie and Jeff Browning joined by Transfer of Letter from Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, Augusta, GA; Gresha and Brad Henry joined by Reaffirmation of Faith; Brian and Rebecca Simmons joined as affiliate members; Toni and David Swanner joined by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Worshipful Wednesday Meals and Programs have been suspended due to the Christmas holidays, and will resume on Wednesday, January 11. Join us on Wednesday, January 4th at 6:00 p.m. for the Epiphany Service and Twelfth Night Party.

Good Humor Team #6 will cook and serve breakfast for the VMC on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th. Team members who are unable to participate should notify team captain, Steve Doak, at 740-0611.

Alyssa Murray, Communications and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, will be away from the office December 22nd through December 28th.

The church office will close at noon on December 23th and be closed December 26th and 27th in observance of Christmas.

Barb Wiest, Executive Administrative Assistant, will be away from the office on Wednesday, December 28th.

Dr. William Pender, Senior Pastor, will be away from the office December 28th through December 30.



Contributions to be included in 2011 giving for tax purposes need to be delivered to the church office by **noon on December 30th**, or if mailed, postmarked on or before December 31st.

WEEKLY CALENDAR
FOR GROUPS AND COMMITTEES
DECEMBER 18 THROUGH DECEMBER 24

Sunday 12/18

8:45 a.m. Chapel 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. Handbell Rehearsal
12:15 p.m. College-Age Lunch
3:00 p.m. Good Humor Team #4
5:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, 12/19

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Parents' Day Out
12:00 p.m. AI-Anon Meets

Tuesday, 12/20

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

Wednesday, 12/21

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 12/23

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



Saturday, 12/24

5:00 p.m. Family Service - Chapel Sanctuary:
10:45 p.m. Special Christmas Music
11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Candlelight and Communion Service

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.

We're going paperless for our Christmas Day service. We will not print a bulletin or a Turnip Patch Times. There will be no early worship service or Sunday school on Christmas Day. The 11:00 a.m. service will be casual, so come dressed in comfortable clothes and be ready for caroling and stories. On New Year's Day, we will have Sunday school, but no early service.

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.

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 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.

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

Sermons remain on our website for one year after the date it was preached.

Enlarged copies of today's Sanctuary Order of Worship are located at the doors to the sanctuary.

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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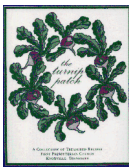
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PLEASE NOTE: Submissions to the "Turnip Patch Times" must be received in the office by noon on the Monday prior to the upcoming Sunday. The Monday deadline is necessary to ensure that there is ample time to proof, publish and mail the bulletin and Turnip Patch Times to our homebound members by Wednesday. Submissions may be placed in the offering plate, submitted on a communication pew card (found with the offering envelopes), brought to the office, faxed to 546-2533 or emailed to barb@fpcknox.org. To avoid errors, we cannot take submissions over the phone. Making the Monday deadline doesn't guarantee space. Announcements are on a first come, first served basis, but we'll do our best to accommodate as much as possible.



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, to schedule a time.

The cost for a soda, from the machine in the fellowship hall kitchen, has been raised to 75 cents per drink.



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, catered by Buddy's
Barbecue, 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 **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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Opening Doors to Discipleship-- Reformed Theology--led by William Pender and Paul Rader--One of the class offerings for Wednesday night, starting January 11, is an 11-week series, sponsored by the PC(USA), that focuses on Reformed theology and what it means to be a Presbyterian. Such topics include the Reformed view of sin and salvation; Presbyterian polity; Worship and Sacraments; and mystery, faith, doubt and hope. This class does require a commitment from its participants, which is why the cost is \$10 (this includes all study materials). If you are interested in attending this class, you must contact Alyssa in the church office at 546-2531 or alyssa@fpcknox.org to reserve your space. Class size is limited.


Christmas Eve Rehearsal

4:15 p.m. in the Chapel-Cast of Characters for Silent Night.
4:35 p.m. in the Chapel-First Strings and First Pipes.
9:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary-Handbell Ensemble rehearsal.
10:00 p.m. in the Choir Room-Chancel Choir and Women's Youth Ensemble rehearsal.