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Children's News

Our nursery, preschool and Sunday morning outlet will open during our 9:30 am service beginning this Sunday, December 20th. The K-5 students will exit at the front of the Sanctuary with Dolo after communion.

☐ Christmas Eve Singing: All K-5th graders are invited to sing. at the 5:30 pm and/or 7:30 pm Christmas Eve services. Practice will be Sunday from 3-4 pm.

Christmas Eve Services

We will have three services on Christmas Eve to help with social distancing in the sanctuary. The services at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm are full. There are spots available for the 3:30 pm service.



Please sign-up on the church's Facebook page or call the office at 234-2928.

Church Service

We have resumed our in person worship service at 9:30 am on Sundays. We will continue one service thru at least the month of January. We want to re-emphasize the need for social distancing, recommended face coverings, hand washing and remaining at home if experiencing symptoms. We ask that you might consider sitting in Campbell Hall to assist with social distancing.



There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 20th at 10:45 am in the sanctuary to vote on Elders, Deacons, and Deaconesses.

Kitchen Aid Pans

At County Market you can earn points to help the church get some new pots and pans when using Max Rewards by January 30th. All you need to do is give them Nancy's phone number (217-258-6247) when checking out to compile all the points to Nancy's account so she can purchase some needed items for the kitchen.



We extend our deepest sympathy to Jeanne Sending Our Cunningham and her family on the passing of SYMPATHY her father.

Board Splinters 12/14

Elders: they discussed opening of the church (in person) abiding with the CDC guidelines. Continue to meet with the CCC with the possible merger and spoke with Don Green from LCU who was very helpful in guiding us to our next steps.

Deaconesses: are taking goody bags to shut-ins. A nice donation was given to help with the expenses.

Senior Minister: applied for graduation and has one class left. Working on the Leadership team with the elders from CCC. Don Green had 2 vital reasons for continuing to seek out God's will in this proposed merger: glory to God and a bold witness to our community. Highlight of the month was preaching with one of our youth, Miles Clapp.

Elementary Minister: will start up Jr. Church, Preschool and the Nursery at the 9:30 am service on the 20th. Temperatures of the children will be taken before they enter their rooms. K-5th graders from FCC and CCC will practice their songs for the Christmas Eve service on Sunday at 3 pm.

Worship Leader: reported the choir will take a break and resume January 20th. Still looking for a guitar player. We had some training on the mixing of the sound. Made several calls to shut-ins and prayed with the over the phone.

Worship: reported that the Hanging of the Greens was a fun night, planned the Christmas Eve Services, and approved funds for training of sound board.

Outreach: preparing Back Packs this week.

Christian Ed: reported that they welcomed Kathy Newlin to the committee. Approved \$500 for a Grandparenting seminar and \$350 for Pastor Morgan for a preaching conference.

Trustees: reported the cameras will arrive Tuesday. Kross Masonry is done with the tuck pointing. The cross on top of the church has been fixed. The Buzzard Organ company will repair the organ after Easter. We will have security at all 3 Christmas Eve Services.

New Business: the 2021 Housing Allowances for Steve and Michael were approved. 2021-2022 Board Officers: Mike Brand (chair), Tim Buford (vice), Sally Dickerson (secretary), Robin Myers (treasurer), Richard Eident (assistant treasurer) were approved. Beau Scott will continue to work in the office for 3 months.

Church Life

Sunday, December 20th

9:30 am Worship Service

10:45 am Congregational Meeting

3 pm K-5th graders Christmas Singing Practice

6-8 pm F/R Christmas Party

Monday, December 21st

6 pm Bible Study in Campbell Hall

Tuesday, December 22nd

7 am Prayer Meeting

6 pm Bible Journaling

Wednesday, December 23rd

No Bells or Choir Practice

Thursday, December 24th

Office Closed

3:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service—full

7:30 pm Christmas Eve Service—full

Sunday, December 27th

9:30 am Worship Service

1 pm F/R Meeting

Monday, December 28th

Office Closed

6 pm Bible Study

Tuesday, December 29th

7 am Prayer Meeting

Thursday, December 31st

Office Closes at Noon

Pecans

There are still one pound bags of pecans left for \$12 per bag. They are on the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

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