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1. A WORD FROM PASTOR KATHLEEN

Dear Friend,

This week has begun the beauty and chaos of a special season! It has been so exciting to see all the seasonal decorations go up! Last night as we celebrated the start of Advent by putting up Crismons and family ornaments in the trees in the Sanctuary, it was beautiful to see families and persons of all ages coming together and creating a beautiful atmosphere! And while that is beautiful and exciting, the season is also challenging for many people. It gets stressful with busyness that seems to engulf our lives, with the planning of gatherings that we sometimes feel have to be perfect, with the buying of gifts and the financial strain that can put on our families. It is also a challenging time as we remember Christmases of the past with loved ones who are no longer with us and we feel lonely if we are no longer surrounded by family like we once were. It is challenging as we look at the world around us and ask if this is really a world we would like for the Christ child to come into?

All these mixed feelings of the season is why I love Advent so much, a season of hoping and looking for God but recognizing that sometimes God is hard to find, that sometimes we feel lonely and our hope for God's presence is just a faint flicker. Our sermon series this Advent recognizes this search for God, asking "Are We There Yet?" as we look, wait, seek, and welcome Emmanuel, God with Us. This Sunday we will begin the season of Advent with the consideration of how we are awake to God around us, how we look for God in the midst of the chaos of the season and the world as we explore the lectionary scripture passage from *Mark 13:24-37*. While it seems an odd scripture passage at first, it speaks to us of Christ's coming into the world today in a powerful way.

I hope you will join us at 9 or 11 as we light our Advent wreath, bring family ornaments and poinsettias, sing and pray, share in communion and hear a word as we seek hope together as a community!

Grace and Peace in Christ,

Pastor Kathleen

2. NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

We need a few more people to help out in the nursery over the holidays. If you are able, please contact the office or Pastor Kathleen. We particularly need people for our Christmas Program on December 17 and during our Christmas Eve services.

3. SOUND WORKERS NEEDED

We could use a couple of extra people in the Sound Booth. If you are interested in working with the audio/visual equipment, please see Laura Syc and we will get you trained!

4. CHILDREN

The children will be performing a Christmas pageant on Sunday, December 17, in conjunction with our adult Musical Christmas Program. All children are invited to participate. Please see Amanda Windmeyer to be assigned a part. This program is a "walk-in" type so no extra rehearsals will be needed to participate. We simply need the children to be there on Sunday night, December 17 at 5:30 p.m. before the program begins at 6:00 p.m. The children will walk down the aisle with the congregation singing Christmas hymns with a brief narration.

5. POINSETTIAS

Christmas Poinsettias are welcomed for Advent. Please notify the office if you would like to give a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. You may place your own poinsettias on the altar beginning Sunday, December 3.

6. ANGEL TREE

All gifts need to be returned, unwrapped, by **THIS Sunday, December 3.**



7. CALENDAR: December 3 – December 9

Sunday

- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:00 am No Kids ConneXion (Communion Sunday)
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- Youth Group – Ice Skating in Memphis

Monday

- 4:30 pm Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)

Tuesday

- 10:00 am Helping Neighbors Food Pantry
- 6:30 pm AA Meeting (Friendship/Fellowship Room)
- 6:30 pm ALANON

Wednesday

- 6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Front Page Café)
- 11:30 am Cornerstone UMW Group (At the Home of Betsy Barrett)
- 6:00 pm Jail Ministry
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice
- 7:30 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday

- 5:30 pm Weight Watchers
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts – District (Cloud Room)
- 6:30 pm AA Meeting (Friendship/Fellowship Room)

Saturday

- 6:00 am Proverbs Men’s Group

8. BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK (December 3 - 9)

<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>12/03</i>	Jake Frost (12) Mitzie Whitten
	<i>12/05</i>	Collin Crain (6) Margarett Gatlin
	<i>12/06</i>	Eddie Adams
	<i>12/07</i>	Catherine Woodworth
	<i>12/08</i>	Ann Faulkner Liz Laws
	<i>12/09</i>	Mallie Felts (12)
<i>Anniversaries</i>	<i>12/08</i>	Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keith

9. THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH

COMMUNION SERVERS:

9:00 Donna & Randy Garrison, Sam Meadors
11:00 David Midkiff & Ken Lovern, Sam Meadors

USHERS/GREETERS:

December

9:00 Susan & Joel Miller, Bill Rogers
11:00 Rebecca Rasberry, Bob Guelle, Carol Keith

LITURGISTS:

December 3

11:00 Sam Meadors

December 10

11:00 Bob Guelle

ACOLYTES:

December 3

9:00 Will Harp & Hunter Coles
11:00 Lila Boles & Lauren Ford

December 10

9:00 Xander King & Theron Johnson
11:00 Lila Boles & Lauren Ford

NURSERY:

December 3 Barbara Blanchard

December 10 Cathy Crain, Lesley White

BREAD MINISTRY: Letha Laverty, Karen Pearce, Susan Shelton (B);
Ken & Janine Helman (D)

FOOD PANTRY:

December 5

12:00 - 2:00 Barbara Blanchard, Letha Laverty, Ann Lovern

December 12

10:00 - 12:00 Jim & Sandy Clardy, Larry & Lynn Featherston

12:00 - 2:00 Barbara Blanchard, Randy Garrison, David Midkiff, Mary Montgomery

COUNTING COMMITTEE:

December Susan Miller, Michael Russell