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Surrounded by Heaven



From the desk of Reverend Joel Weible.

In the beginning of her book, Things Seen and Unseen (Vintage Books 1998), in a section she titles simply "Advent," Nora Gallagher shares a quote from Esther de Waal: *What a waste it is to be surrounded by heaven ... and to be unaware of it.*

The church's season of Advent has always been a curious time for me. In almost every hymn, litany, and prayer we profess to wait for what, during the rest of the year, we recognize is already here: Immanuel, God with us. We get confused by this and ultimately Advent becomes a kind of "fake time" as we pretend that there's even the remotest possibility that *Immanuel* will not happen this year. Of course it will, because it always has and it always will. God is with us and always will be. So who is really doing the waiting?

It occurs to me every year that what we should be doing during these twenty-four days that includes four Sundays is not talking about how we are waiting for God, but how God (or to use some deeply "Incarnational Theology," how the world) is waiting for us. I'm fairly certain that our sermons, carols and prayers will still tease us in the weeks ahead with the prospect of a world without our God

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Christmas Eve Services At PVPC

**Wednesday,
December 24**

This year we will once again gather twice on this most holy of evenings. At 5:30pm our Youth will lead us in liturgy and song as we

celebrate a candlelight communion service together. At 11:00pm our Adult Choir will lead us in a *Lessons and Carols* service that will end with candlelight on Christmas Day! Whether you join

us for one or both of these services, we hope to see you this Christmas Eve.

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in it, but at the end of the day (or of the hour on Sunday morning, if we really think about it), we know that's never going happen. God is with us—in our midst already and always. What a waste it is to be surrounded by heaven and to be unaware of it. What will it take to make us aware? Nora Gallagher finishes de Waal's quote as she ends her section on Advent: *Perhaps the first step is that we really should want to unearth God in our midst.*

This Advent, let's "unearth" *Immanuel* and change the world. I've a good suggestion on where to start ...

See you in church,

Joel

Pewee Valley Presbyterian at Friendship Manor

Sunday, November 30 at 2:00 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m. on November 30 – the First Sunday of Advent! – we will lead the regular Sunday gathering at Friendship Manor. We usually spend about twenty minutes with the residents who gather to sing, pray, and share a bit of the life and love of our

congregation with them. We end with five or ten minutes in conversation with them sharing the hope and faith of PVPC and looking forward to our next visit. If you have this time open on the 30th, please plan to join us for the celebration!

Rick Fletcher's 1000 Mile Celebration

December 6, 2-3:00 p.m.

As you know, Rick's sister Allyson was diagnosed with colon cancer last year. As a way to support her and feel that he is helping in some way, Rick set off on a 1,000 mile running quest to raise \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society to help educate on and fight cancer.

Well, it has been a long journey but he will reach his 1,000 mile goal on December 6th, 2014 and we would love you to witness it and share in the celebration! It is quite an accomplishment and we are really proud of his hard work. But it would mean so much having you share this moment with us.

We would like to invite you to the "finish line" at Pewee Valley Presbyterian church parking lot and the Family Life Center on December 6th from 2:00-3:00, to watch Rick cross the finish line, and then share in some coffee, cake, etc... It wouldn't be the same without you, so please save the date and join us. (Bring the family...we want the noise!)



A Shower for Baby Jesus

December 14

The Christian Ed Team will host their annual Shower for Baby Jesus on Sunday, December 14, from 9:30 to 10:15 in the gym. Brunch and cake will be served.

As part of the Baby Shower for baby Jesus, the children will present a short Christmas play, "King of the Outcasts." Matt and Lucy are meeting to plan the upcoming Christmas play, but they can't seem to agree on how the story goes. Why are there different stories about the birth of Jesus? Is one right and the other wrong? Or could they each be trying to tell us something important about who Jesus is? Come join the children as they explore what the different Gospel writers had to say about the birth of Jesus.

A Big Thank You!

A big thank you to all who contributed to the Senior Citizens Angels in nursing homes. Because of the Thoughtful Christian Class was able to fulfill the wishes of 4 angels and to generously help with 10 more angels. – Jan Beaverson

Send a Card to Someone Special

Christmas is a great time to remember our members that are unable to come to church on Sunday's. Send them a card to remind them that they are in our hearts and prayers.

Mr. Tommy Boone
Bingham Gardens
4401 Louise Underwood Way
Louisville, KY 40216

Mrs. Virginia Chaudoin
P.O. Box 444
Pewee Valley, KY 40056

Mrs. Sarah Copley
13600 LaGrange Rd. #131
Louisville, KY 40241

Ms. Michelle Hendrickson
1516 East Hwy 44
Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Mr. Bill Herdt
Friendship Manor
P.O. Box 307
Pewee Valley, KY 40056

Mr. Robert Janke
4501 Springdale Rd. Apt #211
Louisville, KY 40241

Mrs. Ruth Klingenfus
Baptist Hospital NE
New Moody Lane Rm 1236
LaGrange, KY 40031

Mr. Charlie Littrell
9802 Phoenix Trail
Louisville, KY 40243

Mrs. Irene Littrell
6830 Overlook Drive
Louisville, KY 40241

Mrs. Norma (Ruth) Price
305 S. Scott Dr.
Santa Maria, CA 93454

Mr. Clayton & Mrs. Betty Stoess
6801 Central Ave.
Crestwood, KY 40014

Mr. Ed Stoess—232710
Roederer Correctional Complex
P.O. Box 69
LaGrange, KY 40031
(No Stickers or Labels)

December Birthdays

02 Heather Levinson
07 Adele Bolton
08 Caitlyn Brown
09 Kevin Arave
09 Ted Merhoff
09 Emily Roe
11 Wilma Wayne
13 Brian Phillips
18 Laura Lindsey
20 Virginia Baumann

(Birthdays continued)

20 Joy Girgis
20 Michael Russell
20 Ann Weingardt
24 Isabelle Davenport
29 David Lindsey
29 Margaret Smith
31 Zack Killion
31 Mollie Phillips

December Anniversaries

04 Raymond and Celeste New
27 John and D.D. Hendrickson
29 Ed and Charlene Staats
29 Larry and Connie Vice
31 Bob and Patricia Payne

A Note from Sharon in the CDC

As I sit here and write this today, it once again seems impossible that we have almost completed another calendar year and that there has already been snow on the ground. Where does the time go? It seems like just yesterday I was at the pool enjoying the warm weather and sunshine! I hope everyone is ready for Christmas because by the time this newsletter is printed and distributed, there will be less than a month to do your shopping!

I need to send out a BIG thank you to all of the lovely ladies—and Ron Warren—who helped us out with the Thanksgiving Luncheon. Jan Beaverson, Karen Wood, Betty Diebel, Sandy McCarton, Carol Culver, Adele Bolton and Joanie Walsler all worked so hard that morning to make things a huge success. And Ron helped us the day before with carving those turkeys. Not only am I thankful for all of their hard work but so are many of the parents who enjoyed the delicious feast!

In December we have several great events happening at the CDC that we hope you will join us for. Gingerbread Houses will be decorated by the children on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 9, 10 and 11 from 9am - 11am. This is delicious and fun all at the same time. We will also need help pre-assembling the houses on Monday, December 8 starting at around 10am. If you are available to help with any part of this, please call the CDC office at 241-0177. We also have our Christmas Program on Thursday, December 18 at 5pm. It is a beautiful program and the children work very hard to make it special! If you would like to support the teachers this month, then watch for our Classroom Angel Tree to go up on the table in front of our bulletin board in the Gathering Room. Each class will have tags on the tree with an item they would like donated to their classroom. Please feel free to take a tag, purchase the item and leave it in the church or CDC office. No need to wrap it—the angels will also be wrapping our teacher's Christmas presents on Wednesday, December 17th beginning at 10am and we can wrap the Classroom Angel Tree gifts then too. The teachers really enjoy this wrapping event because it saves them from going home in the evenings and trying to secretly wrap their presents!

Finally, this is my last reminder of the year to please go online and link your Kroger Plus Cards to the CDC through their Community Rewards program. Each time you shop and use your Kroger Plus Card we'll get credit and some money. Through August of this year, the CDC had earned around \$1,300.00 and that means quite a bit to our facility. We are all anxious to see what the last part of the year brings under their new system! And don't forget to bring in those printer cartridges to be recycled!

Merry Christmas to you all! I hope you take the time to enjoy all the happiness this season brings and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ, with all of your family and friends. Thanks to you all for your generous support this year. I am looking forward to another great year of fun and fellowship in 2015!

God Bless,
Sharon Davis, Director
Pewee Valley Presbyterian CDC



Chapel Service With The Child Development Center

10:00 a. m. – Wednesday, December 3
and Tuesday, December 16

We have two chapel services a month, every month, for the children in our care five days week! Any and all who are able are welcome (and encouraged!) to come. Our time together usually lasts about twenty minutes and includes songs, prayers, a sharing from scripture by Pastor Joel and a celebration of the month's birthdays. Love to see you in our sanctuary with the children!

Children's Church

December

- 07** No Children's Church
14 Lottie Williams
21 Jill MacNiven
28 Stephanie Willis

Children's Sermon

December

- 07** Joel Weible
14 Jenna Heery
21 Chrissy Westbury
28 Kim Pappas

Coffee Clean-Up

- 12/07/14** Lynne Anderson and Patty Weeks
12/14/14 Holly Clark
12/21/14 Karen Wood and Beverly Pierce
12/28/14 Andre and Anna Faul

Worship Attendance September

11/02/14	10:30	107
11/09/14	10:30	92
11/16/14	10:30	97
11/23/14	10:30	86
11/30/14	10:30	

Ushers for December

- 12/7/14 Team 1** John Bott, Larry McCarson and Linda Heleringer
12/14/14 Team 2 Bob Pace, Sue Toole, Ralph and Judy Hall
12/21/14 Team 3 Regan Moore, Holly Clark
12/28/14 Team 4 Ed Staats and David Clark

October 2014 Financial

	Current Month	Current Month	Year To Date	Year To Date
Member Contributions	\$13,669.00	\$21,282.00	\$177,650.00	\$212,818.00
Loose Plate Offerings	\$258.00	\$267.00	\$2,147.00	\$2,667.00
CDC Contributions	\$7,710.00	\$7,705.00	\$77,196.00	\$77,154.00
All Other Income	-\$2,469.00	\$2,310.00	\$14,937.00	\$24,586.00
Expenses	\$31,714.00	\$34,684.00	\$285,036.00	\$315,066.00

December 2014

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	<p>1</p> <p>6:30 Volleyball</p> <p>7:00 Member Development Team</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 Volleyball</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 CDC Chapel</p> <p>6:15 Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30 Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30</p> <p>Volleyball</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 Volleyball</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2:00-3 Rick Fletcher 1000 Mile</p> <p>7:00 AA Meeting</p>
<p>7</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Youth Group</p> <p>12:00 New Member Luncheon</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 Volleyball</p> <p>7:00 Session Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00</p> <p>Finance Team</p> <p>CDC Gingerbread Houses 5:30 Lions Club Christmas Dinner</p>	<p>10</p> <p>CDC Gingerbread Houses</p> <p>5:30 Dinner</p> <p>6:00 Guest Speaker</p> <p>6:15 Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30</p> <p>Volleyball</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 Volleyball</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 AA Meeting</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:30 Shower for Baby Jesus and Children's Christmas Pageant</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 Volleyball</p> <p>7:00 CVID</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 CDC Chapel</p> <p>6:30 Volleyball</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:15 Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30 Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:00 CDC Christmas Program</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 Volleyball</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 AA Meeting</p>
<p>21</p> <p>11:30-4 Youth Group Rehearsal for Christmas Eve</p> <p>11:45 Music Team</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30 Youth-led Communion Candlelight Service</p> <p>11:00 Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Merry Christmas!</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 AA Meeting</p>
<p>28</p> <p>11:45 Mission Team</p> <p>11:45 Youth Team</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>			

Prayers and Concerns

Members

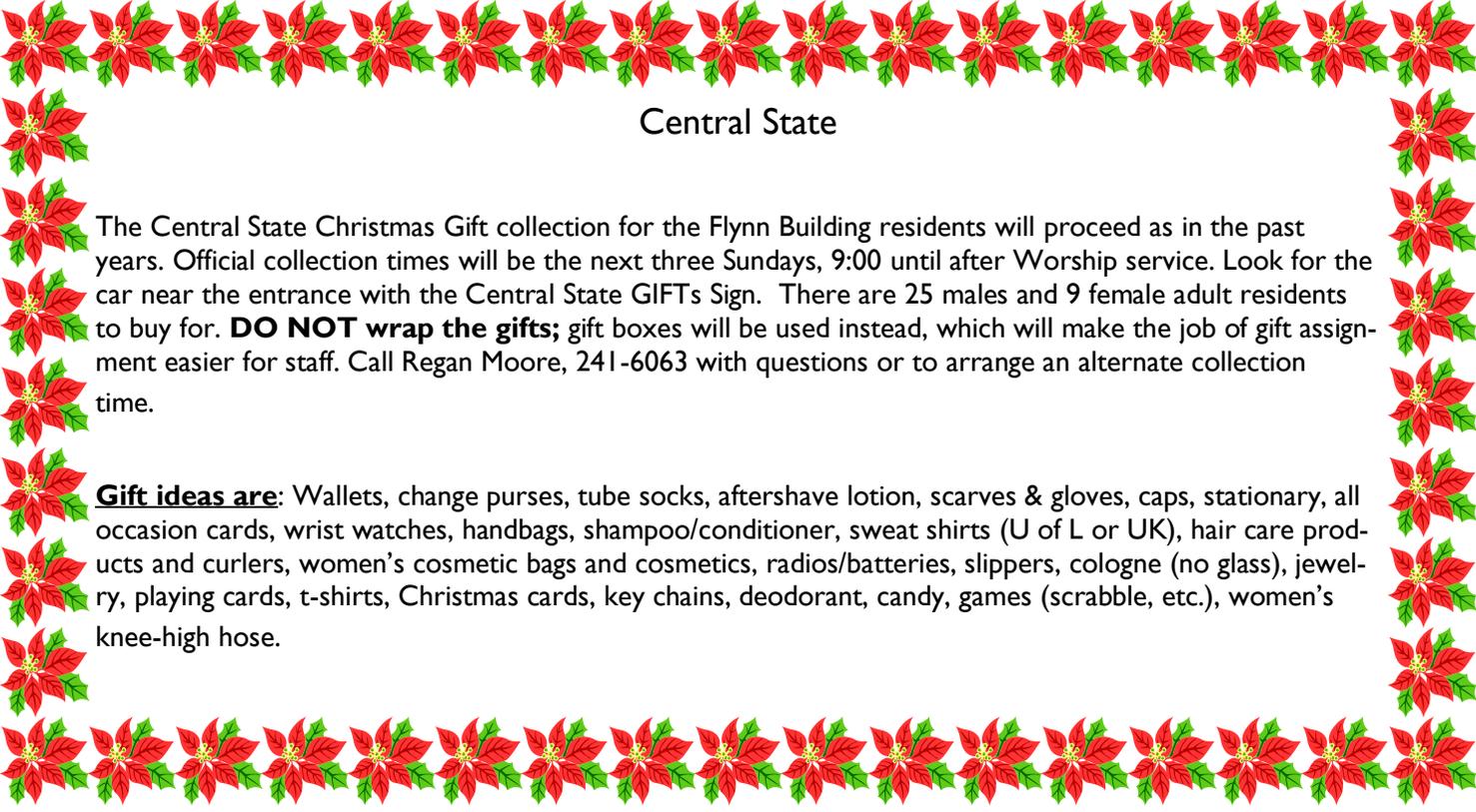
Gary Stoess
Sally Pace
Margaret Smith
Charles and Irene Littrell
Celeste New
Charlene Staats

Mary Boone
Ruth Klingenfus
Tommy Boone
Zachary Corcoran
Bill Herdt
Gin Chaudoin

Friends and Family

James Fox (son of Gale Fox in the CDC)
Charlie Littrell and Family
Effie Lee Cherry (friend of Don Whitehouse)
Mason Wilt
Kimmy White (friend of Wendy Wilts's daughter)
Barry Stoess
Jane Anna (cousin of Lee Goss)
Morgan Williamson, (co-worker of Linda Heleringer)
Mary Ann Monks (daughter of a co-worker of Linda Heleringer)
Ardis Elowson (John and D.D. Hendrickson)
Shelby Hall (granddaughter of Judy and Ralph Hall)
Kenny Jackson (friend of Jill MacNiven)
Brenda Franck (friend of Karen Wood)
Jim Stoien (friend of Ann Finney)
Lamar Burten and Family (friends of Bob and Sally Pace)
Ruth Ann Raines, Peggy Walhgren, and Melvin Lindquist (friend of John and D.D. Hendrickson)
Matt Karlovic (friend of Jill MacNiven)
Betsy Boone-Abraham
Roger Buschur (father of daughter-in-law of Paula Malone)
Ardeth Pappas (mother of Kim Pappas)
Glenn Blayne (grandson of George and Dee Hoge, friends of Ralph and Judy Hall)
Peggy Edmonson (friend of Virginia Baumann)
Alice Whitaker of Lott's Creek Community School
Judy Hirtzel (friend of John and D.D. Hendrickson)
Luther Clark (grandfather of Eric Clark, son-in-law of Rebecca Byford)

Luke Shrenger (grandson of Jan Beaverson)
Wyatt Evans (son of a friend of Jan Beaverson)
Rhonda Raley (friend of David Clark)
David M. Ellis (nephew of John and D.D. Hendrickson and David B. Ellis)
Pat and Debbie Handlson (former pastor)
Kay Harrod (sister-in-law of Betty Deibel)
Brandi Harrod
Marshall Weaver (friend of Julia Hood)
Allyson Powlus (sister of Rick Fletcher)
Bobbie Holihan (friend of Virginia Baumann)
Jeff McGee (friend of Sharon Davis)
Doug Germond (husband of Kathy Germond in the CDC)
Larry Fox (brother of Gale Fox)
Mary Kistner (friend of Karen Wood)
Hazel Woods (aunt of Jan Beaverson)
Bob and Diana Polgrove (friend of D.D. Hendrickson)
Monte Farmer (brother-in-law of Margaret Hill)
Linda Mahoney (sister of Gale Fox)
Aiden Johnson (son of a co-worker of Maria McCarson)
Jean Dugger (co-worker and friend of Regina Bates)
Kristen Hall (CDC parent)
Karen Bennett (cousin of Melody Lindsey)
Matthew Marshall (grandson of Linda Heleringer)
Don and Camilla Crowder (cousins of Melody Lindsey)
Sara Hardin (sister of Mark Lane)
Stu Basore (brother-in-law of Jan Beaverson)
Ralph Haskell (cousin of Ann Finney)
Millie Beaverson (mother of Jerry Beaverson)
Ruth Price
Michelle M. Hendrickson (daughter of John and D.D. Hendrickson)
Ed Stoess (son of Jim and Ann Stoess)



Central State

The Central State Christmas Gift collection for the Flynn Building residents will proceed as in the past years. Official collection times will be the next three Sundays, 9:00 until after Worship service. Look for the car near the entrance with the Central State GIFTS Sign. There are 25 males and 9 female adult residents to buy for. **DO NOT wrap the gifts;** gift boxes will be used instead, which will make the job of gift assignment easier for staff. Call Regan Moore, 241-6063 with questions or to arrange an alternate collection time.

Gift ideas are: Wallets, change purses, tube socks, aftershave lotion, scarves & gloves, caps, stationary, all occasion cards, wrist watches, handbags, shampoo/conditioner, sweat shirts (U of L or UK), hair care products and curlers, women's cosmetic bags and cosmetics, radios/batteries, slippers, cologne (no glass), jewelry, playing cards, t-shirts, Christmas cards, key chains, deodorant, candy, games (scrabble, etc.), women's knee-high hose.

Advent Workshop, Potluck, and Hymn Sing

Sunday, November 30, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

At 5: 30p

Everyone is invited to join together in the Family Life Center to make an advent wreath and Christmas ornaments for our tree or your own. Our youth, Christian Education and Member Development Teams will provide all the materials necessary!

At 6:15p

We will enjoy a potluck dinner together in the gym. The worship team will provide a meat dish, but please plan to bring a covered dish that will serve ten people. "Variety is the spice of life," so don't everyone bring dessert.

At 7:00p

We will move to our sanctuary to sing some of the most beloved hymns in our tradition. Special music is being planned and Pastor Weible will once again read *the greatest story ever told* to young and old!

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Big News From the Little Valley!

South Oldham Inter-Church Council **Christmas Baskets**

The South Oldham Inter-Church Council has started their drive to collect items for their Christmas baskets. They will assemble the baskets, December 10th—11th and December 15th – 18th from 6-8 p.m. at the old Tri-County Ford building in Buckner. They can use as many volunteers as they can get. They also need donations of food, children's books, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, Zip-lock bags and cash donations. The cash donations are used to purchase hams, bread, milk, sugar, apples, potatoes and dry beans. **There is a box in the**

Gathering room to collect any donations other than monetary. All monetary donations should be made payable to the SOICC and mailed to the South Oldham Inter-Church Council, P.O. Box 903 Crestwood, KY 40014. Any questions please call Mark Lane.

Jenna Heery

Youth Director

Sunday 8:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Kathi Richards

Administrative Assistant

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Marie Fledderman

Bookkeeper

Monday-Tuesday

8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.