

A  
COMMUNITY OF  
FAITH  
STRIVING  
TO

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**Our Mission**

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

**Our Vision**

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**The Season of Advent**

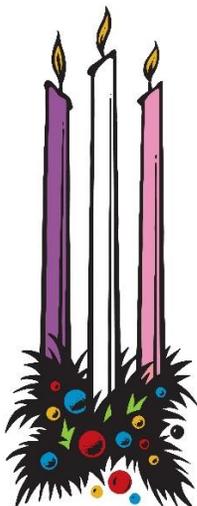
Advent has always been my favorite season in our liturgical calendar. I love the building sense of expectation and anticipation as we wait on the coming of Christ. This time last year, I wrote to you of new beginnings – of Advent as the start of the new church year, of our new relationship when you called me as pastor, of putting a year marked by a pandemic behind us. I was full of hope and expectation! If I'm honest, some of my hopes have not yet come to fruition; COVID continues to have an impact around the world, and we haven't been able to resume many of the activities that we so enjoy in our church life. But, Advent calls us to keep hoping, to keeping looking for the hope, peace, love, and joy that only Christ can bring. Our world isn't perfect; but it wasn't perfect when Jesus came, either – and he still came! Madeleine L'Engle reminds us of that in her poem, First Coming:

He did not wait till the world was ready,  
till men and nations were at peace.  
He came when the Heavens were unsteady,  
and prisoners cried out for release.  
He did not wait for the perfect time.  
He came when the need was deep and great.  
He dined with sinners in all their grime,  
turned water into wine.  
He did not wait till hearts were pure.  
In joy he came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.  
To a world like ours, of anguished shame  
he came, and his Light would not go out.  
He came to a world which did not mesh,  
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.  
In the mystery of the Word made Flesh  
the Maker of the stars was born.

We cannot wait till the world is sane to raise our songs with joyful voice,  
for to share our grief, to touch our pain,  
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!

Advent is the season when we remember why Christ came by reflecting on what is broken in us and our world and recognizing why God became flesh and dwelt among us to restore the world to wholeness. We celebrate that Christ came as an infant, that Christ is always coming into the world and our lives, even now, and that Christ will come again. My prayer for us this Advent season is that we will indeed recognize the many ways the Lord is coming, not just in the future, but here and now.

Blessings,  
Pastor Melissa



**A D V E N T**  
*A Season of Preparation*

## Finances

Total Budget Income for 2021:	\$ 113,975.54
Jan. Budget:	\$ 12,087.16
Feb. Budget:	\$ 8,603.34
March Budget:	\$ 12,904.60
April Budget:	\$ 10,706.21
May Budget:	\$ 10,992.11
June Budget:	\$ 9,107.91
July Budget:	\$ 15,576.44
August Budget:	\$ 12,872.53
September Budget:	\$ 9,790.96
October Budget:	\$ 11,334.28
November Budget:	\$
December Budget:	\$

## December Birthdays

Camryn Durrer	December 1
Kaitlyn Dillon	December 1
Tucker Coleman	December 9
Elizabeth Jenkins	December 9
Nancy Burgess	December 13
Jennifer Minnix	December 15
Kris Willis	December 17
Betty Brown	December 19
Cindy Poff	December 20
Brittany Knott	December 24
Reatha Linkenhoker	December 30
Alyssa Viele	December 31
Brennon Viele	December 31

## Prayer Concerns

- Those affected by COVID-19
- Those who are homebound or in retirement & nursing homes: Betty Brown, Ron Britt, Madaline Brown, Lois Burge, Jane Byrum, Mary Durrer, Freda Guill, Evelyn Hutcherson, Yvonne Metz, Nadine Minnix, Shirley Moore, Betty Obenchain, Bill & Liz Parker, Louise Parris, Evelyn Ragland, Alice Scogin, Katie Wood
- Those with cancer including Alison Ziegelmeir (Ric Scott's cousin), Barbara Kern, Richard Rader, Bob Padfield (Kati Padfield's father-in-law), Jack Cooper, & Brian Britt (Ron Britt's son), Vicki Wray
- Paula, daughter of Reatha Linkenhoker
- Mike Agee, undergoing cardiac tests
- Craig McCown's father, with cardiac issues
- Buck Conner
- Marie Maddox
- Doug Heptinstall
- Betty Heptinstall's brother, recovering from a fall

## Advent Discipleship Studies

- "Jesus in John's Gospel" Midweek Bible Study, Wednesdays at noon, led by Rev. Steven Harris, our minister-in-residence
- "Advent in Narnia" Intergenerational Bible Study by Zoom, **Wednesday evenings at 6:30**. We'll read a selection or watch a clip from C.S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* & discuss what it can teach us about Jesus. As the author of *Advent in Narnia*, Heidi Haverkamp, shares, "Lewis by placing Christianity into another world makes it unfamiliar again. He gives us the chance to feel newfound wonder at the depth of God's love, the power of Christ's grace and the totality of His sacrifice, and the wonder of a world infused with the Holy Spirit." This is an intergenerational study, perfect for families to do together. If you would like to enjoy daily devotions to go along with our study, the book is available at [www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com).

## Youth

**Each Sunday** during Advent, we will gather from **5:00-7:00 pm** for Bible study, worship, a mission project, or a time of fellowship. We will meet in the fellowship hall, so don't forget your mask! Bring your dinner & we'll provide dessert each week!

- **Sunday, Nov. 28: Dinner & Discipleship: "What Are We Waiting For?" Advent Bible Study.** Come learn more about Advent and what exactly it is we are waiting for during these four weeks.
- **Sunday, Dec. 5: Shopping for Angel Tree Gifts:** We will go to WalMart to purchase gifts for our Angel Tree children.
- **Sunday, Dec. 12: Dinner & Advent Worship/Prayer Stations:** Let's take a few minutes before the last busy week of school for the semester to focus on the One who is coming soon!
- **Sunday, Dec. 19: Reindeer Games Christmas Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange (followed by High School Youth Christmas Slumber Party):** All youth are invited to join us for a Christmas party – games, snacks, and a gift exchange! Please bring a wrapped gift (\$5 limit); gifts can be funny or nice. At 7:00 pm, the high school youth will travel to Melissa and Ric's house for a slumber party.
- We will take a break from dinner & discipleship on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 but will be back in the new year!

## CAB Kids

Children's families are invited to our "Colors of Christmas" Driving Scavenger Hunt on **Saturday, Dec. 4, 5-7:00 pm**. Come to the church parking lot to get your scavenger hunt list, drive around with your family to find the items on the list, and when you are through, come back to CABC to enjoy hot chocolate and s'mores, along with a special gift for your family to enjoy!

## ***Missions***

• We are collecting food for Christmas boxes for Keystone Community Center through Sunday, Dec. 5. Our contribution will be combined with donations from other local churches. A list of items that will go in each box is below. Shopping lists for you to take with you can be found on the table in the foyer, where you may also leave your donations.

Instant potatoes (26.2 oz)	Dishwashing liquid (small)	Toilet Paper
Small bottle cooking oil	Brownie mix	Canned Soup
Canned corn	(just add water)	Small bag dried brown beans
Canned green beans	Boxed macaroni & cheese	Chicken gravy mix packet (not jar)
Evaporated milk	Sugar-free Jell-O	Soap (liquid & bar)
Cereal	Saltine crackers	Shampoo
Pancake mix	Small plastic jar of jelly	Deodorant
(just add water)	1 lb. box of sugar	Washcloth
Pancake syrup	Aluminum foil (25 ft.)	

• Global Missions Offering: This year's Global Missions Emphasis for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is "Because Presence Matters." Each week during Advent, we will pray for and learn about the ministry of a CBF missionary. On Sunday, December 5, Jessica and Joshua Hearne, of Grace & Main Fellowship in Danville, will lead us in worship. 100% of what you donate to our Christmas offering for Global Missions, which can be given throughout December, will support CBF field personnel in the U.S. and around the world. Offering envelopes are available on the table in the foyer.

• Angel Tree: The Missions Committee has begun working on our annual Angel Tree ministry. Angel Tree is a ministry that provides Christmas gifts to children with an incarcerated parent. Caregivers are contacted, gifts are purchased (with the help of the youth), wrapped, and given an Angel tree tag with a note from the parent to the child, and delivered to the custodial family. These families are so happy to receive these presents for the children that might otherwise not get gifts. If you would like to participate in this ministry, we would love to have your help! If you have questions, feel free to leave a message with the church office, & someone from the Missions Committee will respond. Thank you in advance for helping to make a difference in the life of a child! Assistance is needed in any (or all) of the following:

- Donate funds (for us to purchase gifts). You can place a check in the offering plate or mail a donation to the church. Please note that the donation is for "Angel Tree."
- This year, our youth have made special angel ornaments that are available for purchase from the tree in the sanctuary foyer. Place your donation to the angel tree in the box on the table, and then choose an angel from the tree. When you see it, remember to pray for the families we are assisting.
- Wrap and/or deliver gifts (dates will be announced).

## ***Advent Devotions***

Advent devotion books and calendars are available on the table in the sanctuary foyer. If you prefer an online devotion, we recommend [www.d365.org](http://www.d365.org). If you are not presently attending worship but would like to receive an Advent devotion booklet, please let your deacon know or call the church office.

## ***From the Worship Committee: Advent***

- Join us during morning worship on the first Sunday of Advent, **Nov. 28**, for a special Hanging of the Green service as we prepare our sanctuary and our hearts for the coming of Christ.
- If you would like to purchase one or more poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones, please fill out the order form on the table in the foyer under the Welcome Board and place form & payment (marked) in the offering plate or place in the box outside the church office by November 28. The cost is \$8 per poinsettia.

## ***Budget Proposal***

• Our quarterly congregational meeting will be held this **Sunday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>**. Along with committee reports, the Finance Committee will present the proposed budget for 2022. The budget will be discussed at this meeting, sent to all members electronically or through the mail, and voted on in a called business meeting on **December 5**.

## ***No CABC Christmas Card Box This Year***

• Please note that, in light of COVID & fewer people attending as a result, the CABC Christmas card box won't be available this year. We encourage you to send cards through the mail, if you are able to. Thank you for your understanding.

## ***Poinsettia Orders***

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