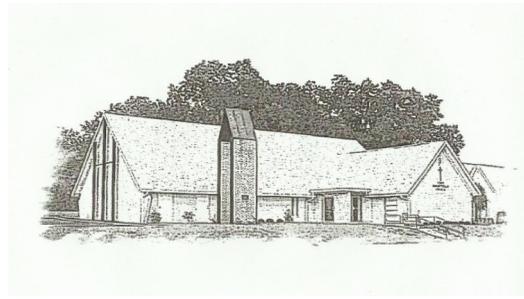




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Can you believe it's already Advent Season?

The term "Advent" comes from the Latin word "arrival." The holiday's purpose and meaning are to look ahead to the coming of Christ to Earth, the birth of Jesus. This is really what the Christmas season is all about. It's the holiday of the ADVENT of a new age in Jesus' life, which allowed for the redemption of mankind.

We hope you can come and celebrate Advent with us.

On December 1st we will observe communion.

December 8th Shirley Latham will be our Guest organist.

December 24th we will have Christmas Eve services at 5:30

Once again, we are blessed to have a wonderful pastoral lineup for December.

12/01 - Steve Newton

12/08 - Jimmy Chapman

12/15 - Kenny Rigoulot

12/22 - Evan Dolive

12/24 - Jimmy Chapman

12/29 - David Reeder



Isaiah 9:6 ESV *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

Peace be with you, The Worship Committee

**The Fellowship and Member Care Committee would like to wish you a
Happy Advent season and a very Merry Christmas!**

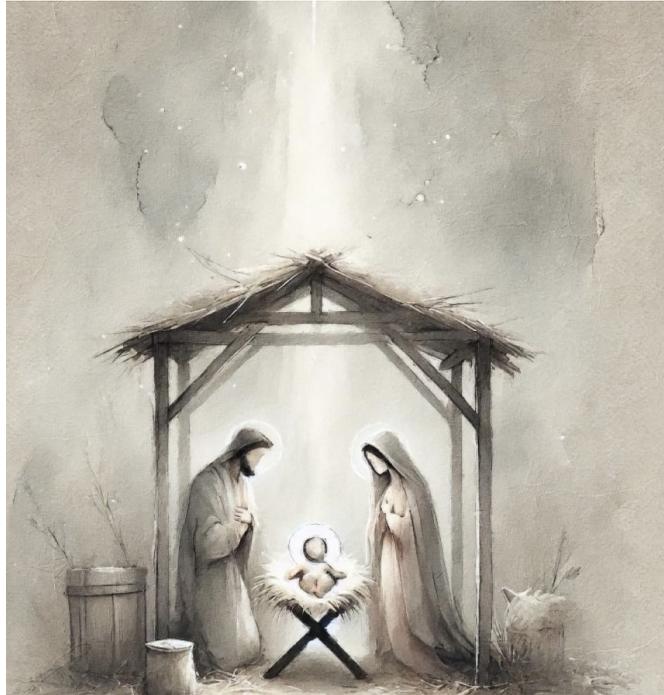
All the Angels Sing

By Douglas Knighton

Jesus came to be our Savior,
All the angels sang and God rejoiced!
Came to bring us Heaven's favor,
All the angels sang and God rejoiced!
Born to open Heaven's treasure,
Key to God's holiness for all time.
Jesus is the Father's pleasure,
Sent to us with love and joy sublime.

Jesus came to live among us,
All the angels sang and God rejoiced!
Showed us faith both true and joyous,
All the angels sang and God rejoiced!
Taught and lived God's good commandments,
Never once sinned at all in his life.
Jesus offers us repentance,
Gave himself for our eternal life.

Jesus came to make us holy,
All the angels sang and God rejoiced!
Came to save us, meek and lowly,
All the angels sang and God rejoiced!
Guides us to Christ-like behavior,
Puts his love for the world in our soul.
Jesus Christ our only savior,
Takes away our sin and makes us whole.



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FINANCE AT A GLANCE



October 2024:			
	IN	OUT	BALANCE
	\$6,792	\$6,253	\$539
September 2024:			
	IN	OUT	BALANCE
	\$6,927	\$12,501	\$-5,574
Year to Date:			
	IN	OUT	BALANCE
	\$80,348	\$89,245	\$-8,897

Did You Know?

When you drink bottled water, you consume more than just what comes in the bottle.

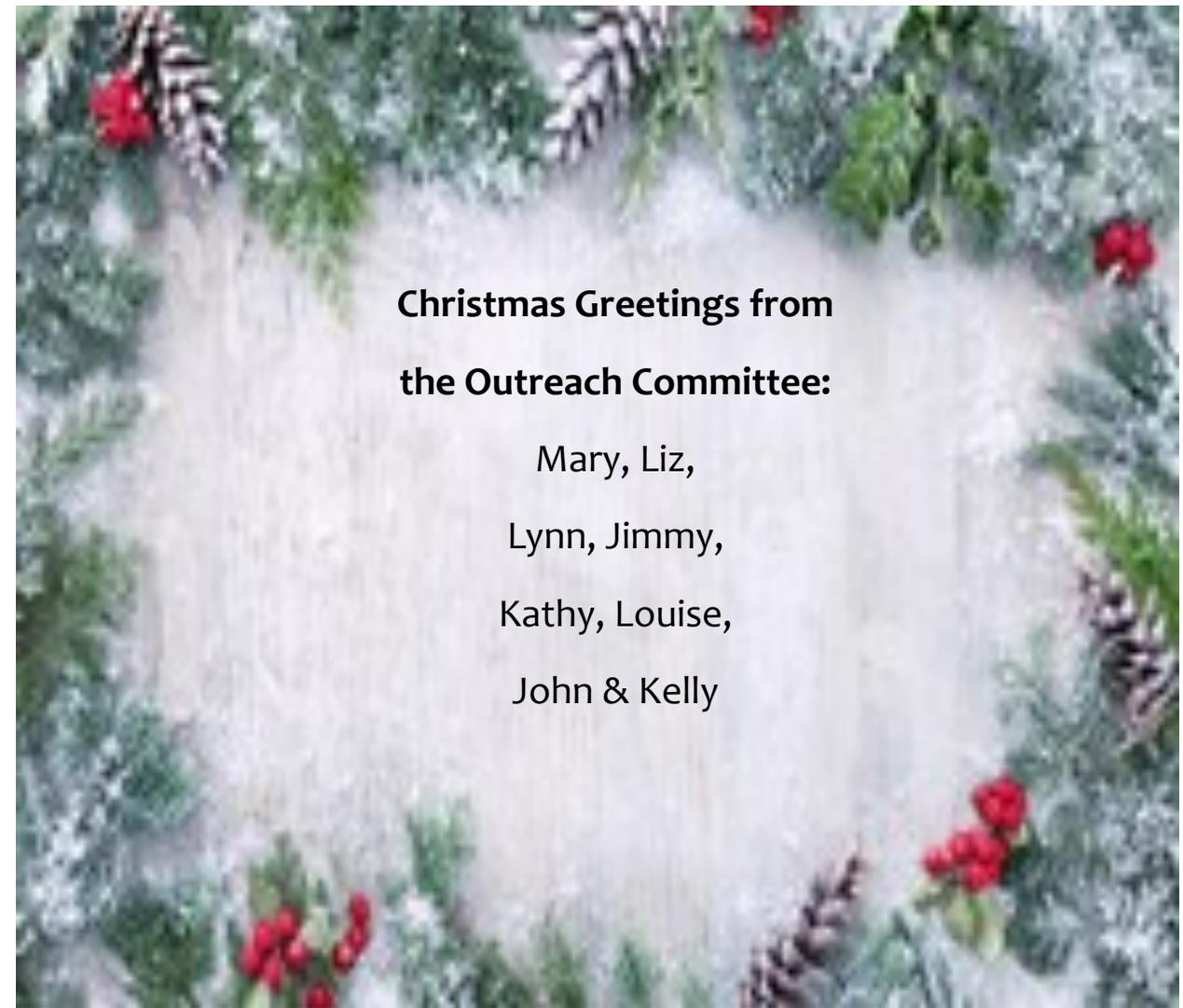


When you consume 1 litre of plastic bottled water, you also consume 1/4 litre of oil for its production, transportation, and disposal.

Source: Pacific Institute

BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE.

C.E. GREEN TEAM



**Christmas Greetings from
the Outreach Committee:**

Mary, Liz,
Lynn, Jimmy,
Kathy, Louise,
John & Kelly



Please sign up in the Narthex
to serve a Sunday as
Duty Elder in January.



Warm Christmas wishes from the
Communication Team:
Liz and Kathy



Council Actions
November 17, 2024

- ◇ Prayed together and shared joys and concerns
- ◇ Approved Budget for 2025
- ◇ Approved Financial Review
- ◇ Reviewed Operations Manual
- ◇ Approved the Transition Team Report
- ◇ Reviewed the Membership Roll
- ◇ Reviewed Duty Elder List
- ◇ Determined Home Communion Elders



The Christian Education Committee is eagerly looking forward to our coming Advent Study, which began on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1.

Our study book is “Calling All Angels, An Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength” by Erin Wathen, the pastor of Grace Immanuel United Church of Christ in Louisville, Kentucky.

Did you know that most frequently repeated message in Scripture is “Do not be afraid”? Some say that it appears 365 times, from Genesis to Revelation. What would we do if we were not afraid? That is the main question posed by the author.



Included in the book are weekly studies for individual or groups, questions for reflection and discussion, daily reflections, worship resources (liturgies, prayers), and a music playlist. We are excited because we think this will be an interesting study. Everyone is invited to the study, even if you are not a regular Sunday School attendee.

In December the CE committee will meet to make a selection for our Sunday School class to study at the beginning of the new year 2025.



FPC hosts
Henderson
Area
Chamber of
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November Mid-
Morning Coffee



Merry Christmas from the Building and Grounds Committee!



It's hard to believe it's that time of year with the warmer than average temps we've all been experiencing. Before we know it though the mercury will dip below the freezing level bringing many items to consider.

- All outdoor faucets need to be covered to prevent frozen pipes.
- We've turned off the sprinkler system at the church. You may want to consider doing the same if you have one, as typically we get rain in the winter months.
- Heat will become a necessity with the colder temps so check your filters and replace as necessary.
- If you utilize space heaters make sure they are in a clean non cluttered area free from any flammable objects.
- If you have a fireplace clean out the ashes if you haven't already. If yours is gas it would be a good idea to get a professional to check the fittings if you haven't had that done in a while.
- Santa and his elves as well your pocket book will benefit from the early preparations.

Happy birthday to our Lord and Savior!

December 2024



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Communion with Steve Newton Home Communion	2	3	4	5	6 Meals on Wheels	7 10 am Adopt-a-Block
8 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Jimmy Chapman	9	10	11	12	13 Meals on Wheels	14
15 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Kenny Rigoulot	16	17	18	19 2:30 L.E.A.N. Mtg 6:00 Session Meeting	20 Meals on Wheels Newsletter Deadline	21
22 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Evan Dolive	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:30 Worship with Jimmy Chapman	25 Christmas Office Closed	26	27 Meals on Wheels	28
29 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with David Reeder	30	31				

Liturgists for December:

1-Jimmy

8-Kathy

15-Jan

22-John H.

29-Liz



December Birthdays

2- Bill

30 -Doris

31 -Carol