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*From the Pastor*

My thankful heart has overflowed from my eyes more than once this Thanksgiving week! Last Sunday after worship, happy disciples decorated our beautiful facility for the season while others put together thanksgiving boxes for our neighbors in Gallatin county. The laughter and joy was balm to my soul and to others as we prepared to once again make the holy journey of Advent.

The angel tree is up, and there are still angels to be claimed. Advent devotions and calendars arrived and are available. (See article below) We'll kick off intergenerational Sunday School this Sunday. (See article below) There are lots of ways for folks to celebrate the season, to get to know our neighbors and to share the hospitality of Christ. Be sure to pay attention to the newsletter, website and info in the narthex to find out how you can yours can be involved.

This year our advent and Christmas worship and devotion will be shaped by resources from [Illustrated Ministry](#). Now in Flesh Appearing invites God's children of all ages to explore God's taking on a physical body like ours. As we wait with anticipation and prepare for baby Jesus to be born this Advent season, the materials invite us to discover the awesomeness of incarnation and what it means for God to move, act, and live with us. This Sunday kicks off with how we experience hope in our bodies.

In preparation for worship, I encourage you to read John 1:1-5 & 14. John's gospel is a little more abstract or academic than the other gospels, but this is an awe-inspiring invitation to try to wrap our limited human understand around the Trinity. God and Christ and the Spirit are the same and yet different. The Word was always around and became flesh in the Christ child who is God and also God's son.  $1 + 1 + 1 = 1$ . It's enough to give you a headache. Don't get stuck in the hamster wheel of logic that is simply beyond us mere mortals.

I invite you instead to notice the relational nature of God with Godself and the mind-boggling grace offered to creation when "the Word became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14). How might the early church have heard these words of John? What was comforting? What was challenging? How do we hear these words as individuals and as a faith family in NKY in 2022? What does the Word becoming flesh have to teach us about God and God's love for creation? How does it challenge? Comfort? Inspire us as part of creation and how we embody and live out our faith? Click [here](#) for the worship bulletin. Worship is streamed on the [UPC website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

PS

Siblings, we're in the midst of cold, flu, RSV and covid season. Boone County is still at a low level of covid community spread so masks are optional in worship. Please continue to wash your hands, don't touch your face, and take care of each other.



### Now in Flesh Appearing Intergenerational Sunday School 9:15am in the Family Room

God's children of ALL ages are invited to come and ponder God's love this holy season. Have a snack. Make some new friends.

### Now in Flesh Appearing Advent Calendars & Weekly Devotions

are available in the narthex. The daily advent calendar has a suggested activity for each day beginning December 1st to embody your faith. It is available in color or in a black & white outline "color your own" format. You can pick up a hard copy on Sunday or email [the church office](#) if you'd like a digital file to download or print for your use.



### Other Advent Daily Devotions

The devotions from Illustrated Ministry are one per week. We discerned the Spirit's leading us to use them because of their intergenerational emphasis. However, we know that advent is a season in which want to begin or to recover a daily devotional practice. On Sunday there will be a hodge-podge of daily resources for children and families that we have used over the years. Please take whatever suits the needs and preferences for your family, friends, neighbors, etc.

For youth and adults looking for a daily advent devotion, we have some online recommendations. [D565.org](#) is actually written for teens and young adults; however, adults find it very meaningful and engaging as well. You can even download the app and have the daily devotion sent directly to your phone. Another cool option is the Rev. Dr. Ed Goode's daily devotion with meditations and photographs. Ed is a PC-USA pastor currently serving Christ Church UCC in Ft. Thomas. Click [here](#) for Ed's Substack blog and more info about the daily devotion.



LGBTQ+, ALLIES,  
AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

# INTEREST MEETING

**Thursday  
December 1st  
6:30 pm**

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Please use the lower level entrance

For more info: Parents call/text Amanda @ 859-640-4177  
Teens call/text El @ 859-240-6797

High School  
Students  
&  
Parents  
Groups will meet  
separately

**December 1st 6:30pm  
Interest mtg for LGBTQIA+  
high schoolers, allies and  
parents that are also  
exploring their faith**

It can be difficult for those in the LGBTQIA+ community and those who love them to find safe spaces to be true to their identities as humans and as Christians or faith explorers. This meeting will gauge interest and brainstorm what such a space might be.

Parents meet in the Youth Room. Teens meet in i.imagine hangout room. Use the back entrance, and signs will point the way. More info? Parents, call/text Amanda 859-640-4177. Teens, call/text El 859-240-6797. Of course, you can also contact Pastor Lisa.

## Christmas Union Friday, Dec. 2nd 6pm - 8pm

RSVP's are not required, but they are appreciated to ensure food and other supplies. Pass along the invite to friends and neighbors. Click [here](#) to let us know you're going to join the fun.



## Christmas Union

### Friday, December 2nd 6pm - 8pm

Come, celebrate the blessings of the season with a casual evening of refreshments, activities for children (and the young at heart), musical entertainment by the Union Children's Choir and Front Porch Singers, and a photo exhibit by i.imagine students. Dress festively for an evening of fun and fellowship. Bring your family. Bring your friends. This is a drop-in event. Come when you can. Leave when you must.

RSVPs are not required but are appreciated:  
<https://www.unionkypresbyterian.com/small-groups>

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## Are You Ready to Make Your Relationship with UPC Official?

We will receive new members on Sunday, December 11th - the Sunday on which we light the Joy candle. Please contact [Pastor Lisa](#) if you are ready to make the commitment of official membership or if you have questions and

would like to know more.



## Angel Tree for Gallatin County CAC

The angel tree is now available in the narthex. There are 2 angels for each child. One angel lists clothing sizes and needs. The other angel lists wants like toys, makeup, etc. You are not expected to purchase every thing on the list. You are asked to "sign out" your angel. If you'd like an angel emailed to you, contact the [church office](#); and we'll send you the info.

UNWRAPPED gifts are due Sunday, December 18th.  
Please attach the angel to the gift.

## Mark Your Calendars

- Tuesday, December 6th - StoryPoint Christmas Market 1p-4p
- Saturday, December 10th - City of Union Breakfast w/ Santa 8:30a-10:30a
- UPSeniors Christmas Party 11am
- Sunday, December 11th - Receiving new members
- Sunday, December 18th - Community Christmas 6pm
- Wednesday, December 21st - Longest Night Worship Service 7pm
- Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Worship 6pm
- Sunday, December 25th - Happy birthday, Jesus! Pajama worship at 10 am

Please contact the church office if you'd like to help with Breakfast with Santa. We will help serve refreshments and share the hospitality of Christ with our neighbors.

### Schedule for This Week

#### First Sunday of Advent Sunday, November 27th

9:15 am Intergenerational  
Advent Sunday School  
10am Worship

3pm Iglesia Pentecostales  
Palabra de Vida

5pm Middle School & High  
School Youth to NKY Youth  
Thanksgiving Party  
Back to UPC by 8pm

Monday, November 28th  
9am Union Music Academy  
630pm Session



### BIRTHDAYS

- 11/29 - Jan Grieger
- 12/2 - Jack Eggleston
- 12/7 - Elaine Johnson
- 12/8 - Debbie Forney,  
Jessica Wood
- 12/9 - Amy Scott,  
Joe VonLehman
- 12/13 - Elissa Tullius
- 12/14 - Jacob Detwiler
- 12/16 - Drusie Miller
- 12/18 - Evan Buchanan
- 12/19 - Callan Lintelman
- 12/24 - Madison Kowalski

### Online Giving

You  
may  
give  
online  
or via



text through the UPC website. You can make a one time gift or set up a recurring gift. You may make a memorial or honorary gift and even pay for youth conferences. The online transaction processes the gift from your checking account, savings account, credit card or debit card and is secured through Vanco Payment Solutions.

7pm Boy Scouts 805

12/25 - Holly Hillman

12/29 - Susie Claflin

Tuesday, November 29th

6:30pm Cub Scouts 805

Wed. November 30th

8pm AA

Thursday, December 1st

6:30pm LGBTQIA+ & Faith

Interest Mtg.

Iglesia Pentecostales

Palabra de Vida

Friday, December 2nd

6pm Christmas Union

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Sunday, December 4th

9:15 am Advent

Intergenerational Sunday

School in the Family Room

10am Worship

3pm Iglesia Pentecostales

Palabra de Vida



ANNIVERSARIES

11/27 - Dave & Sue

Kozlowski

12/19 - Kevin Ball & Bethany

Brewer Ball

UPC does not receive the total amount of your gift due to processing fees. At the end of the transaction, you will be asked if you wish to donate an additional 2.75% to cover the processing costs.

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