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From the Pastor

Whew! Advent is off and running with all kinds of opportunities to explore our faith, to enjoy great fellowship and music, and to love our neighbors as we once again wait for the birth of the Christ child. I encourage you to read the newsletter thoroughly to stay in the know. I also encourage you to take time for peace and for quiet and to invite the Spirit into that space to awe you once again with God's unbounded love that is made flesh in Jesus.

Now in Flesh Appearing is this year's advent & Christmas theme. Resources from [Illustrated Ministry](#) invite 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. Last Sunday we considered how we experience hope in our bodies. This Sunday we will explore how we experience peace in our minds.

In preparation for worship, I encourage you to read Matthew 1:18-25, the only account in the gospels of Joseph's encounter with the angel that announced Mary was pregnant with God's son. Then, read Luke 1:26-38 where the angel Gabriel told Mary that she was pregnant with God's son. What do you feel in your body when you read these texts? Stress? Joy? Boredom? What is spinning in your brain? Questions? Doubt? Fear? How did Mary & Joseph respond to these encounters and to the angels' messages?

These passages are like much of scripture. It just sounds like crazy talk that makes no logical sense. That seems to be how God in Christ through the power of the Spirit rolls. So, where did Joseph and Mary find peace in the midst of news that made no sense? In the midst of very real and understandable fear? How might the Spirit be using these texts to open our hearts and spirits to peace while trusting and discerning God's leading us as a faith family and as individual disciples? Click [here](#) for the worship bulletin. Worship is streamed on the [UPC website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

Peace, Pastor Lisa

PS

Siblings, our leadership needs your wisdom. We are considering some "out of the box" options for New Year's Day. Click [here](#) to share your thoughts. We use the free version of SurveyMonkey which will not allow us to ask for additional comments. If you have addition ideas or comments or anything you'd like

leadership to know, please [email me](#). Thank you in advance for your time!

PPS

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.

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

Pass along the invite to friends and neighbors. The fellowship, food and entertainment will be excellent.



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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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



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.

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.

Community Musical Opportunities Led by UPCers

Spencer Zembrodt is the Cincinnati Men's Chorus Interim Artistic Director this season and will be conducting this weekend's performances titled Family. Click [here](#) to learn more and to purchase tickets for Saturday, December 3rd at 8pm or Sunday, December 4th at 2pm.

Elaine Johnson, director, and **Sue Kozlowski**, assistant director, of the **Front Porch Singers** at Colonial Heights will have their Christmas concert at Colonial Heights on Tuesday, December 6th at 2pm. The Front Porch Singers will offer a taste of their repertoire at Christmas Union. If you'd like more, join the group at Colonial Heights on Tuesday.



7 Remaining Angels

Earlier this week we received some last minute angels for the Angel Tree from a local elementary school. We also have 3 angels left on the tree for Gallatin CAC. The angels and sign up sheets are in the office vestibule if you'd like to swing by and look over the details. You can also contact the [church office](#) and ask for one. We currently have:

- an 18 yr old boy with fun "wants"
- an 11 yr boy with clothing needs
- an 11 yr old boy with fun wants
- a 7 yr old boy with clothing needs
- a 7 yr old boy with fun wants
- an 8 yr old boy with clothing needs
- an 8 yr old boy with fun wants

The Gallatin CAC angels are due Sunday, 12/18.

They are the first three angels.

The school angels are due Tuesday, 12/13.

They are the remaining eight angels.

City of Union Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 10th 8:30am - 10:30 am

This free, annual event at the Union Fire House is sponsored by the Union Fire Protection District, T-Mobile, and the Union Presbyterian Church. Coffee, hot cocoa, and donuts will be served. Please be sure to bring your own camera to capture a special photo with Santa. Contact the [church office](#) if you'd like to join the fun by helping UPC serve hot chocolate.

VERY Limited Number of UPC Tshirts in stock now

We had an overrun on the last order and have a few adult sized small, medium, large, XLarge, and XXXLarge. Shirts are \$10 each. Contact [Pastor Lisa](#) to place your order.



We will place another order after the holidays that will include options of long sleeved tshirts, sweatshirts, aprons and more.

Dates to Remember

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
 Tuesday, December 13th - Gifts for blue & gold angels due
 Sunday, December 18th - Gifts for Gallatin CAC due
 Community Christmas 6pm
 Monday, December 19th - Deliver gifts to Gallatin CAC 9:15am
 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.



Community Christmas
Sunday, December 18th at 6pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Stake Center
144 Buttermilk Pike, Lakeside Park, KY

Enjoy a casual evening of worship filled with congregational singing, scriptural reflections, and musical offerings from various congregations as well as the chance to fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ from various denominations.

Abraham's Pantry is this year's highlighted ministry. A love offering of supplies and financial donations will be received.

Schedule for This Week

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 4th

9:15 am Advent
Intergenerational Sunday
School in the Family Room
10am Worship
w/ Communion
3pm Iglesia Pentecostales
Palabra de Vida

Monday, December 5th
7pm Boy Scouts 805

Tuesday, December 6th
6:30pm Cub Scouts 805

Wed, December 7th
7pm Choir Practice
8pm AA

Thursday, December 8th
6:30pm Iglesia Pentecostales
Palabra de Vida

Friday, December 9th
6pm Girl Scouts 2146



BIRTHDAYS

- 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
12/25 - Holly Hillman
12/29 - Susie Claflin



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.



ANNIVERSARIES

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.

Saturday, December 10th
8:30am Breakfast w/ Santa
11am UPSeniors Christmas
Party

12/19 - Kevin Ball & Bethany
Brewer Ball

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 11th

9:15 am Advent

Intergenerational Sunday
School in the Family Room
9:30am Called Session Mtg
to receive new members
10am Worship

3pm Iglesia Pentecostales
Palabra de Vida

4:45pm - 7:15 pm NKY Youth
Group @ UPC

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