

PRAYER LIST:

NEW ADDITIONS: Geneva and Mike Anderson;
Sandra Sykes (friend of Pastor Mark); Janet Banks;
Larry Joe Banks; John & Billie Buchanan; Reba Harris;
Michael Schaeffer; Sadie Schaeffer; David Duncan; Harold Hill

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Edwin Tompkins upon the passing of his mother; Don Knox

Yvonne Strader Alexander	Lois Fincher	Jane Naylor
Maggie Amburn	Susie Floyd	Bud & Pattie Nelson
Bell Arvin	Janice Gilbert	Martha Nichols
Charlie Augustine	Brenda Gravely	Dennis Noonam
Sandy Billings	Ronnie Gravely	Mariah Nunn
Audene Bogert	Tony Graham	Linda Painter
Bettie Bond	JayJay Grimes	Mary Parks
Clare Boyer	Mimi Hall	Terra Porter
Skip Boyer	Keith Helton	August Reavis
Tracy Brannock	Angie Hill	Agnes Ritchie
Gardner Brannon	Ronald Hines	James Rollins
Christine Briscoe	Laurie Hawks Jones	Jo Rudy
Steve Burcham	Anisha Keith	Barbara Sawyers
Gail Catron	Keri Grimes Keith	Sadie Schaeffer
Vinnie Chappell	Penny Kyle	Linda Sharpe
Vivian Coleman	Kathy Lamb	Ben Shores
Ruth Ann Cox	Rubie Larrowe	Benny Shupe
Anthony Davis	Pam Leadbetter	Tim Spraker
Hazel Davis	Danita Moore	Sonny Westmoreland
Susan Diamond	Louise Moore&Family	Judy White
Glenn Dixon	Lois Fincher	Lloyd Works
Greg Dixon	Susie Floyd	
James Duncan	Trish Moore	

(Continued from page 1) We close out December celebrating God coming to us “in the flesh.” The mystery of the incarnation (which means “enfleshed”). Christmas Eve Communion highlights this when we reflect that God comes to us of humble, pious parents and was born in a manger. God coming to us in Jesus Christ affirms that God values humanity and loves us so much that God became one of us to show us how to live among one another and to demonstrate through the Resurrection that suffering love overcomes our malice and hatred. May we learn from Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ!

Pastor Mark



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS



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Ruth Sizemore
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Shirley and Ken Rosenbaum	12/26
Judy and Richard Farmer	12/29



Jaime Butler	12/01	Betty Butler	12/18	Helen Morton	12/28
Nancy Westmoreland	12/6	Morgan Tompkins	12/19	Don Houk	12/31
Derek DeZern	12/7	Bill Brannon	12/24		
Babette Nuckolls	12/18	Skip Boyer Jr.	12/26		



DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	5th	Covered Dish Meal after Service
Tues	7th	1 p.m. Devotion (FB Live)
Thurs	9th	1 p.m. Devotion (FB Live)
		7 p.m. Called Charge Conference Via Zoom
Tues	14th	UMW Christmas Lunch
		1 p.m. Devotion (FB Live)
Thurs	16th	1 p.m. Devotion (FB Live)
Mon	20th	10-12 p.m. Kid Junction
Tues	21st	1 p.m. Devotion
Thurs	23rd	OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
Fri	24th	MERRY CHRISTMAS
Tues	28th	1 p.m. Devotion (FB Live)
Thurs	30th	OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

KID JUNCTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2021

- 37 coats were contributed to our coat campaign for the month of October.**
- The communion offering for October went to Kid Junction. Some of the generous contributions were used to purchase more coats, and to restock for the 8 families and 28 children assisted in October.**
- The Kid Junction Team thanks our church family for continuing to support for this local children's mission that distributes hygiene and clothing items.**
"To God be the Glory!"
- A special thanks to our Kid Junction volunteers for October: Elsie Davis, Linda Richardson, Glenna McFadden and Dianne Marshall.**
- If you know of children in need, please get in touch with one of us.**
- Our last open date for this year is Monday December 20.**
"But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."
Hebrews 13:16 (NKJV)

UMW NEWS

We are excited about the church-wide covered dish Sunday, December 5th following worship. This will be our first covered dish since before the pandemic and hope all will attend. Bring your favorite side or dessert to go with Mark's delicious barbecue. Tea, lemonade, coffee, and water will be available. Also, buns for the barbecue if you want to eat yours that way. Angel Tree gifts are due back no later than December 13th. Thanks to all who are participating in this mission. Our December UMW meeting will be on the 14th at 10:30. This will be our Christmas meal together. We will have a program of Christmas music and story which Judy and Irene have planned. Sue Patton is catering our meal. The cost is \$18 per person. All women are invited to attend. We must have a count by December 10th so be sure to let Judy, Irene or Peggy know before that day if you are coming.

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD:

**Clark and Babette
Nuckolls**

**Communion offering
this month goes to
Backpack Buddies**



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INVITING FORMING SERVING

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Advent is here! It arrived the last Sunday of November, and as I compose this first draft on the last day of November it is sunny and warm! I hope I make it to the New River Trail on Chestnut Creek this Tuesday afternoon. (I made it! And it was a perfect day to be there)

December is one of the most eventful and busy months of the year. As Christians who celebrate Advent, we live in two calendar tracks. The first is the preparations for a joyful celebration of the Christmas Season which begins December 24 at Christmas Eve Communion.

For the society around us, Christmas Season began the Friday after Thanksgiving although Christmas decorations went on sale well before then. The world around us celebrates Christmas without prayerful reflection. This is the primary difference between the two different approaches to the Christmas season. One with prayerful reflection and one prone to be consumed with "consumerism."

While preparing to celebrate the season of Christmas joyfully, we examine ourselves and also prepare ourselves for the 2nd Coming of the Lord, so that when that time comes, we are busy growing in grace and love. Perhaps there are three tracks to make December even busier: Advent preparation for Christmas, Advent preparation for the Lord's coming, and the secular, commercial celebration of Christmas. Nevertheless, enjoy the season and its shows and movies and events and family get-togethers as much as possible.

We all have our favorite memories of Advent and Christmas, and if you think about it, it is about the celebration of life with others. We do this by get-togethers and worship! The first Sunday of December is not only Communion Sunday but also a fellowship meal. Think of the fellowship meal as an extension of our celebration of the Lord's Supper. Bring a side dish! Our BBQ Master, Mark Fackrell, will be providing the meat. We enter Advent with anticipation hope, peace, and joy! **(Continued on page 2.)**