






December 2020

First Congregational Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 	30 	1 Faith is a higher faculty than reason.	2 Women's fellowship at church 9:30-10:30	3 Enjoy your life without comparing it to others.	4 Let thy speech be better than silence, or be silent.	5 One today is worth two to-morrows.
6 Worship @ 10:30am Sunday School @ 9:30	7 Ladies Bible Study at Markels 6:30-8pm	8 Justice is truth in action.	9 Women's fellowship 9:30-10:30	10 A hole is nothing at all, but you can break your neck in it.	11 Self love makes the eyes dim.	12 Silence makes no mistakes.
13 Worship @ 10:30am Sunday School @ 9:30	14 Education makes a man heed experience.	15 Worry makes small things cast big shadows.	16 Women's fellowship 9:30-10:30	17 Church Board Mtg @ 6pm Spirit Ringers practice @ 7pm	18 Better to be dead sure than sure dead.	19 You can't function without making mistakes.
20 Worship @ 10:30am Sunday School @ 9:30	21 Ladies Bible Study at Markels 6:30-8pm	22 Spirit Ringers practice @ 7pm	23 Women's fellowship 9:30-10:30	24 Christmas Eve Service @ 7pm	25 Christmas Day 	26 Habit is like a good bed...easy to get into but hard to get out of.
27 Worship @ 10:30am Sunday School @ 9:30	28 Waste is the worst of all possible losses.	29 A smile shows you are inwardly at peace.	30 Women's fellowship 9:30-10:30	31 He is a good friend that speaks well of me behind my back	1 New Year's Day 	2 

NEWS AND EVENTS

THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS



SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS BEGUN ONCE AGAIN. JOIN US AT 9:30. CLASSES WILL BE DIVIDED BY AGE AS IN THE PAST. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL ALSO BEGIN AT THE SAME TIME SO BE SURE TO JOIN US WHATEVER YOUR AGE MIGHT BE!



LADIES BIBLE STUDY HAS STARTED A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS STUDY FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER CALLED THE WOMEN OF CHRISTMAS BY LIZ HIGGS. THE STUDY WILL LAST FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING JUST BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS.



THE SPIRIT RINGERS WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 7PM TO PRACTICE FOR THE XMAS EVE SERVICE. MASKS ARE PROVIDED FOR PRACTICE AND FOR THE XMAS EVE SERVICE. ALL PRECAUTIONS ARE PUT IN PLACE TO MAKE BOTH PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE. PRACTICES ARE PLANNED FOR THE 17TH AND THE 22ND FOR XMAS EVE @ 7PM.



THE CHURCH BOARD WILL MEET AT ITS REGULAR TIME ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 6PM. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE DATE AND TIME.



CHURCH MISSION TIME....THIS YEAR WE ARE DONATING MONEY TO THE SAMARITAN'S PURSE ORGANIZATION FOR A SPECIAL PROJECT OF DIGGING WELLS IN COUNTRIES THAT ARE IN DIRE NEED OF FRESH WATER. IN ADDITION TO THAT CONTRIBUTION, WE ARE ALSO PLANNING TO MAKE CHRISTMAS HAPPIER FOR A LOCAL FAMILY WHOSE CHILDREN ATTEND OUR SCHOOLS. ALL DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED IN A BASKET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. MAKE OUT ANY CHECKS TO CHRISTMAS PROJECTS.



A WOMEN'S MORNING FELLOWSHIP HOUR WILL MEET THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF DECEMBER AT FELLOWSHIP HALL. COME ON DOWN FOR SOME COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH OTHER LADIES WHO JUST WANT SOME FEMALE SUPPORT!! 9:30-10:30.



BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH FOR OUR SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT 7PM IN OUR SANCTUARY. PLENTY OF ROOM FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS ARE WELCOMED. SINGING + HANDBELLS!

A reminder that we are trying to keep up with the times and offer more options for receiving this newsletter! In the mail as usual or by email. If you would like to receive it electronically, just email Jane Grier at janebrg@comcast.net and asked to be added to the list.

PASTOR'S PAGE



Why do we celebrate Jesus birthday so differently from other birthdays? When it's time to honor historical figures who have a date set aside for them, we don't think about them as babies. When I was young we had two dates on the February calendar that were marked, the twelfth Lincoln's birthday and the twenty second Washington's birthday. Then political correctness came on the scene and somebody complained "not fair to the other presidents" so now we get a federal holiday called Presidents Day so none of them feel left out. But when it was just Lincoln and Washington we didn't have cute little baby pictures of them, Lincoln in his cabin in Kentucky and Washington at Mount Vernon. No, we remember them as adults and for the contributions they made to our nation as adults.

It is proper, though, that we celebrate Jesus as a child. Think about it. When He was born, shepherds came to honor Him (Luke 2: 15 – 16). Later, wise men from the East, who may have been anticipating Him from information handed down from Daniel, brought Him gifts (Matthew 2: 8 – 12). These people had no idea as to what Christ would eventually accomplish as an adult. But they were right in doing what they did, because Jesus's birth was the most remarkable event in human history.

How amazing! God in human form. The Creator of the universe visiting this planet. Let's never hesitate to celebrate this baby at Christmas. Marvel at His incarnation. Stand in awe of the tiny baby who had created His worshipers. Then step back in wonder, for the story gets even better. This baby grew into manhood, lived a perfect life, and willingly died for your sin and mine.

Celebrate the baby and trust the Savior. That's how to make Christmas complete.

As we journey through the four weeks of Advent, I'm going to be sharing these messages.

November 29, An Announcement from the Wilderness Mark 1:1-8

December 6, An Announcement from Our Lord Isaiah 61:1-11

December 13, An Announcement to a Virgin Luke 1:26-38

December 20, An Announcement from a Stable Luke 2:1-7

December 27, An Announcement in Song Psalm 98:1-9

Join us December 24, for our Christmas Eve service as we again celebr

Pastor David