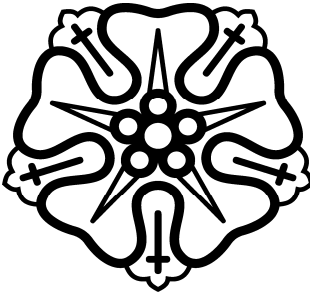


The Proclamation

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I have much good news and some news of concern. We provided 16 Thanksgiving baskets, one more than planned, thanks to your generous donations and the work of our people in assembling and giving them out. I hear that all those who came were delighted with how much food they received!

I received a letter from our Presiding Bishop, Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, congratulating us on our upcoming 50th anniversary so I asked the Council when that is. After discussion and record searching we discovered to our surprise it is February 6, 2016! The next day is a Sunday so our first thought is to kick off our celebration that day by

inviting Bishop Riegel and having a meal after. Thankfully he was available! Early thoughts and that is all they are, is to go through all the old pictures we have found, to continue searching the records for written material and to put up a display of pictures from our past and a booklet that summarizes that time.

Additionally, early thoughts are to have something one Sunday a month all year where we invite previous pastors and Bishops to preach with refreshments to follow. We will be getting together a group to iron out the details and see if they have additional ideas soon but Becky,

Sunny and I decided to go ahead and invite our Bishop to the kick off Sunday before he had other commitments. So please be thinking about ideas and ways you can help and we will announce a group gathering to guide this soon!

Advent begins Nov. 29 and our mid week meals at 6 pm and worship services at 7 pm start Dec. 2 and run thru Dec. 23. Be sure and mark your calendars. Advent is that time that reminds us Jesus is coming again and has come once already!

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Hello, again!

I've said it so many times but here it is again. I love you all!!! I felt so proud seeing so many of you standing and repeating the vows by our congregation in support of Elin's baptism. Thank you!

A big shout out to Kitty Kelly-Smoot and Flo Williams for organizing the Veteran's Day luncheon. The room looked so patriotic and, of course, the food is always



delicious. Yep, we all know our little church has the best cooks.

Mark this date on your calendars because it's a big one. On February 6th, Christ the King celebrates it's 50th birthday. Plans are in the early stages but if you have any

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The Barbourville Area Ministerial, BAM, is having a Blue Christmas Worship at First United Methodist on Monday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. Not everyone is full of cheer at this time due to the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce, coping with loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease that hangs over them. Blue Christmas is a service that recognizes where you are and still lifts up Christmas. If you or your friend is in this situation invite them!

BAM has talked with Teresa Blake, the principal of Barbourville Elementary, to ask how we can help her. She asked that volunteers help clean the grounds there and also at the track at the Middle School. A schedule will be coming out for each church to sign up for a month to do this. She also asked if we could set up a fund for students in need for clothing items etc. so BAM is opening a bank account and half of the



ideas for this event and can help in any way, please let Pastor or me know. We will kick off the birthday celebration on Sunday, February 7th, with Bishop Matt Riegel preaching.

Advent is upon us; thanks to Starla Kisling for decorating the church!! And I'm thinking also of those wonderful soup suppers before

donations from the Thanksgiving service and future services will support that fund.

Our Christmas Eve service will be early in the evening this year – 7:30 pm since it was at 11 pm last year. On the 24th and there is no Christmas Day service. We will have the usual Christmas hymn sing on the 27th.

I want to thank all of you who pledged and especially those of you who were able to increase your pledges. We were not able to give you a timely and complete report but I can say that pledges increased by 7%. That is good news and it reverses a two year trend of declining pledges. It is not enough however, to offset the differences totally between income and expenses.

Stewardship is in charge of giving/pledges and the Finance Committee then takes the information from the Stewardship Committee to plan the budget that comes to you for approval. This year we had to zero

worship. When I think of all those in need here and around the world what a privilege it is to be able to share a meal and then go to worship. We are so very blessed!

And then,...there's the children's program on Dec. 20th. Thanks go out to Linda Van Matre and Kerrianna Cook for all the planning and practicing for this event.

out every committee and ask for additional funds for them every first Sunday so they can do their ministry. That is not the way to do ministry. If we want to be a church that changes people's lives we have to adequately fund that ministry. I ask your prayers and your continued thoughts on giving as we move forward on budget planning. I think we have already cut too much from the budget and cutting even more will not grow our ministry.

I was both pleased and disappointed at the BAM Thanksgiving service. We had a wonderful choir, a group from the Barbourville Middle School Orchestra, pastors from 5 churches, an additional one was sick and not there, and about 100 people. The only people there from CTK were those whose families were participating in the service. As with stewardship, if we want to be seen as making a difference in the community we have to be present at community functions and be seen. Yes, we are doing well with ECCHO and the Community dinners so let do as well with

After all, what would Christmas be without a children's program?

What a wonderful place to be at Christmas. We have so much to look forward to. I am excited and I hope you are as well! May God bless all of you with His perfect peace.

Sunny

community worship services and help our church to grow and be known in the community as a church that changes lives and works well with other churches in all areas.

We will have our annual meeting in January and there are two positions opening up on Council so if you are interested you need to be nominated at the Annual meeting.

We received an anonymous gift of \$50,000 in late 2014 and will probably receive \$30,000 a year from the same donor for the next several years. However that donor has said the money is not to be used for regular budget expenses items so it can not help with the deficit. However, it can be used for things like the parking lot and running electricity to the pavilion which are not budget items.

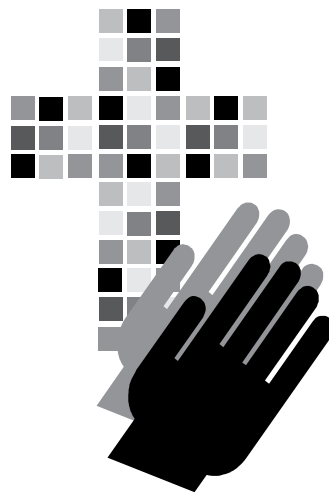
As I said on Sunday in this time of terror we need to balance the need for safety with our Christian duty to those in need. We do not discriminate between Muslims and Christian who need help. We do discriminate between those who mean us harm and those in need. Those killing in what they see as the name of God do not care that they kill Christian, Jew or Muslim. In the Name of Christ we care for all.

May God bless you this Advent and Christmas time and fill your hearts with the joy of Jesus so that you may be a blessing to others.

Pastor Carl

Dollars and Sense

11/1/2015 through 11/30/2015 Income and Expenses Summary	
Income	
Envelope	12,105.00
Plate	211.00
Misc. Designated Funds	153.50
Total Income	12,469.50
Expenses	
Mission Support	823.00
Pastor's Salary & Allow.	8,550.08
Other Salaries & Allow.	806.92
Education	16.00
Worship	109.48
Office	138.35
Congregational Life	19.26
Property	1,231.40
Total Expenses	11,694.49
Grand Total	775.01



ECCHO
Items of the Month

*Canned meats,
pasta & spaghetti sauce*

IN OUR PRAYERS: Dee Fike and family, Bob Troy, Carolyn Breisler, Margy Barrett, Earl Massie, Flo Williams, Wailana Grove, Willie Smotherman, Winnie Rice, Lisa Williams, Lewis Adkins, the family of Jason Leadmon.

December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Advent is here!	1 7 p.m. Timberlake Association Mtg	2 6 p.m. Soup 7 p.m. Worship	3 7-9 p.m. Praise Painters	4	5
6 10 am Adult SS 11 am Worship	7 9:30-11:30 am Praise Painters 6:30 pm Dinner at Chili's	8	9 6 p.m. Soup 7 p.m. Worship	10 7-9 pm PP	11	12 R2R Retreat @ CTK
13 10 am Adult SS 11 am Worship	14 9:30-11:30 am PP	15 7:30 pm Council	16 6 p.m. Soup 7 p.m. Worship	17 7-9 pm PP	18	19
20 10 am Adult SS 11 am Worship Youth Christmas Program During worship	21 9:30-11:30 am PP 7 p.m. Blue Christmas @ First United Methodist—Bville	22	23 6 p.m. Soup 7 p.m. Worship	24 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship	25 1st Day of Christmas	26 3-5 Dinner for Hungry @ B'ville Senior Center—
27 10 am Adult SS 11 am Worship (Hymn Sing)	28 9:30-11:30 am PP	29 Deadline to submit articles for The Proclamation	30	31	Jan. 1, 2016 Happy New Year!!!	



Church Council

**Dec. 15th
Meeting
@ 7:30 p.m.**

1st Monday DINNER

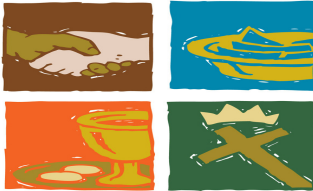
Chili's
6:30 p.m.

Sign up on the narthex bulletin board or call Anita Howard if you plan to come so she knows how many places to reserve. 304-736-0067 We have great fun, so please come join us for lots of laughter and a good meal among our sisters and brothers!

*Happy
December
Birthdays!!!*

3—Paul Cook
7—Dorothy Plybon
8—Pastor Carl Ames
8—Jackie Ward
14—Dean Twedt
20—Patsy McComas
20—Harry Peterson
27—Linda Wichman-Hager
30—Matthew Kelly

SERVING THIS MONTH



**Assisting Minister - Kitty Kelly-Smoot
Acolyte - Jon Day**

	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 24	Dec. 27
Greete	Kathy Eckstam-	Keith Ward	Carolyn Breisler	Jim Fankhanel	Dean Twedt
Ushers	Harry P. Tom Kisling	Charlie Smoot Linda V.M.	Keith Ward John Perry	Dean and Cathy Twedt	Joe Howard Earl Massie
Altar Care	Carolyn Breisler	Anita Howard	Barb Cook	Cathy Twedt	Jane Law
Counters	Becky Metz Ben Day	Barb Cook John Perry	Kitty Kelly-Smoot	Patsy McComas Jean Day	Dee Fike Charlie Smoot
Nursery	Kathy E-A	Christy and Faith Ward	Barb Cook	Kathy Eckstam-Ames	Kerrianna Cornett Paula Ames
Baked Goods	Kathy E-A	<i>open</i>	Barb Cook	—	Starla Kisling

Tidbits...

1st Sunday's 2nd Offering

...for December will be divided equally between Community Lutheran Partners (CLP) and the Cabell Midland High School food pantry. (Greater Barbourville Community Outreach is taking care of Barbourville Elementary food pantry.)

Decorating for Advent/ Christmas Seasons

Have you noticed new decorations on the Christmas tree in our sanctuary? Kitty Kelly-Smoot led a team to make the new christmons because they only come in kits. Thank you! Thanks to Starla Kisling and Brian Rundgren who decorated the church on November 28th.

Advent Schedule

The first Advent soup supper and service will take place on Wed., December 2nd. The soup supper will be served at 6 p.m. and the service will begin at 7 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet for those willing to bring soup, side dishes or dessert for future Advent meals in the narthex. See you there!

Poinsettias

Blatt's Greenhouse, from whom we have ordered poinsettias in the past, has gone out of business. CTK has chosen to go with Green Acres, a facility on Route 2 which hires/trains/assists workers who are cognitively impaired, this year. Color choices are red, white, pink, and marble. Prices are \$7.15 for a 6.5 inch pot and \$14.25 for an 8" pot. Both prices include a portion of the delivery cost. Deadline to submit your payment and choices is December 6th; Kathy will call in order on Dec. 7th. If you find you need a poinsettia or two after that date, let Kathy know. They say that color and size choices are not guaranteed after Dec. 11th; most likely the choice would be red. Also, if you're thinking BIG, you can get a 10" pot for \$17.75. This is not included on the order form (bulletin insert) since our congregation has tended towards the smaller pots, but it is available!

Community Christmas Cantata December 13

If anyone is interested in singing or playing an instrument for this program, please let Kathy or Trina Smith (304-544-8124) know and one of them will get music for you. Cantata will be performed both Sunday morning @11 a.m. in First UMC-B'ville and Sunday evening

@ 7 p.m. in B'ville Baptist Church. Come and listen if you do not participate otherwise!!! You will enjoy!

Puzzles Benefit FIA

Huntington Area Landmarks or (mostly downtown) Churches Jigsaw Puzzles (500 pieces) are for sale through December by Faith In Action—\$15 each. All proceeds help with the coordination and provision of vital, non-medical services to elderly and chronically disabled adults in Cabell and northern Wayne County, WV, and Lawrence County in OH. All services are provided free of charge. Puzzles are on table in narthex; please pay Kathy E-A. Make checks payable to FIA.

Enough!

Kitty has enough clean plastic shopping bags now to work on mats for the homeless. She will let us know if and when she needs more. Thanks to those who have faithfully provided them

T' Day Food Baskets

Our Social Concerns Committee provided 16 Thanksgiving food baskets for ECCHO clients, one more than planned due to your generous donations and \$250 from Thrivent Financial. Thank you!

Operation Xmas Child

Approximately 6 boxes were delivered to Lewis Memorial Baptist Church on Nov. 16th. Thank you!





GBCO Dinner Dec. 26th for Hungry

Pizza will be donated by local businesses for this meal; helpers from each church are asked to come since many "regulars" are out of town or busy with family on this day. If you can spare a few hours, or if you'd simply like to socialize, please feel free to go to the Senior Center, 3-5 p.m.

Christ in Our Home

The latest edition of Christ in Our Home is now available in the Meet and Greet Room.

Church Directory

A new church directory will be available in early December. The directory includes members and frequent visitors.

Oct. Property Report

Note: This was inadvertently omitted from the November newsletter. Work day was held 17 October. Seven people helped. Next "work day" will be held in conjunction with the Worship committee for decorating for Advent on 28 November.

Work still to be done this year:

- Parking curbs/blocks marker for snow plow. Planning on using ~3

foot high rebar, painted orange at top. About 5 for lower parking lot, 2 for upper. Installing them on the white lines to be out of the way of vehicle bumpers. (*Done as of this newsletter's printing.*)

- fix light at AC units if right components can be found
- Buy salt for winter

Major Work items for next year:

- Run power to picnic shelter. Need to look at insurance limitations.
- Pave parking lot and driveway
- Get 2 new parking curbs/blocks
- Trim around narthex south window needs repair and painting
- Picnic shelter, mainly south end, needs stained. Need to discuss color.
- Work on downspouts outside of fellowship hall
- Fix/replace time in kitchen closet. Timer is not running.
- Paint trim around main doors.
- Investigate water problem in youth room
- Install louver or new louvered door to youth room.
- Refinish baptismal font

Road to Renewal

On December 12th, CTK Road to

Renewal team members will meet at CTK for the second chapter in the four chapter program. We will resume activities with the congregation in January.

Stewardship News

Thank you to all who submitted pledges and have committed to the financial life of our congregation in 2016!!!

New Charts...

for Altar Flowers/Refreshments will be posted by December 24th for 2016. If you haven't paid for your altar flowers for 2015, please do so. Thank you!

Membership News

Give to Kathy any names and current contact information for former members and friends to the congregation who we can invite to share in our 50th Anniversary.

New members may be brought into our congregation on any Sunday, but are particularly welcome to join during special holidays including Christmas Eve, Epiphany, Easter and Pentecost. If you know of anyone who would like to join our gospel-centered, warm-hearted congregation, please contact Pastor Carl.



ECCHO News

The ECCHO Board of Directors met Thursday, October 9, at Pea Ridge United Methodist Church.

During September, ECCHO served 1,153 people: 1,080 people received food; 927 people found clothes; 173 families were given household supplies; 41 families selected miscellaneous items. ECCHO served 14 new families. Plus, nearly 250 children have received school supplies and new socks and undies this fall. In addition to food, clothing, and household items, ECCHO provided clients with references to state and county agencies from which they could obtain assistance or information.

Current ECCHO HH needs are canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, pasta, soup, vegetables, fruits, macaroni and cheese, any type of nutritious food. Personal care

items (toothpaste and brushes, soap, deodorant, shampoo), detergent, towels, wash cloths, blankets, sheets, and winter clothing are needed. If you have larger furniture items you would like to donate, arrangements can be made to match clients in need and to pick up these items. The Item of the Month will continue to be announced in the Sunday bulletins and The Proclamation.

Monetary donations will be used to purchase food and other items from the Facing Hunger Food Bank in Huntington at 19 cents a pound. Plus, 25 percent of the money raised through the CROP Walk on October 18 (\$5,628.19) will be split between ECCHO and Greater Barboursville Community Outreach. Thank you to everyone who donated or walked!

For Thanksgiving, CTK Social Concerns Committee will be preparing food baskets for 15

ECCHO client families. The last day to contribute is November 15; distribution will be November 21. See Starla Kisling if you would like to help. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has approved this project and will contribute \$250.

If you can spare a few hours, the center is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Also, students who need to complete service hours can do so at ECCHO. Workers are needed to fill food orders, stock the pantry, and sort clothing. Please call Cathy Twedt (743-6536), Dee Fike (733-6543), or the ECCHO Center (743-9238 during operation hours).

Cathy Twedt,
ECCHO Board of Directors

Throughout December we will be collecting money for gift cards for the youth at Hovah Hall Children's home so they can have a supervised shopping experience for clothing.

