



MIDWAY MESSENGER

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Dear Friends,

Signs of the Christmas season are everywhere. The stores are decorated. They're playing songs we associate with Christmas—"Jingle Bells," "I'll Be Home for Christmas," and "White Christmas." People are buying gifts for family members.

But for those who celebrate the birthday of Christ, Christmas season is not here; in fact, it won't be here until December 25. In America today signs of Christmas begin right about Halloween and last through New Year's Day. But in the Church, Christmas doesn't come until after Advent. For the birth of God's Son is so important that it cannot be rightly celebrated without preparation.

So Advent is for us a time of getting ready to celebrate the birth of the Savior. We look back to that time when he came over 2,000 years ago, and we look forward to that time when he will come again. We pray, reflect, and read scripture. We don't rush Christmas.

On each of the next four Sundays we will light the Advent candles: the candle of HOPE to remind us of the hope which comes in Christ; the candle of PEACE to remind us of God's peace which only he can give; the candle of Joy to remind us that the birth of Christ has brought joy to the world, and the candle of LOVE to remind us that God is love. And on Christmas Eve we will light the CHRIST Candle—recognizing Christ as the Light of the World, the Light that shines in the darkness.

Let us then begin preparing for Christmas this First Sunday of Advent—November 27. Let us make ready to celebrate the most glorious gift of all—the Son of God, the Savior of the world, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Blessings,

John McCallum





Advent FACE-UP Service

Lickville Presbyterian Church is hosting an Advent FACE-UP Service on Thursday, December 1, at 11:00 a.m. Lunch with soup will follow. Also there will be a discussion of the future of FACE-UP. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Session has called for our Annual Congregational Meeting to be held following Worship on Sunday, December 11. The 2023 Budget will be presented, and Dr. McCallum will note some of the highlights of 2022.



Christmas Caroling at Senior Solutions



Our Parish Care Team and choir members will carol at Senior Solutions for their Adult Day Care attendees on Wednesday, December 14, at 11:00 a.m., and would love to have all church members join us. We'll meet at Senior Solutions at 10:50. Wear your Santa hat or any other Christmas garb, bring your caroling voices and best Christmas cheer. We'll have gift stockings to hand out after sharing some Christmas songs. Bring Christmas cookies, if you're so inclined, but more importantly, bring yourself. Some of us will lunch together after the caroling, so if you're free to join us, plan on that as well. Let's share the true meaning of Christmas with others!



Picture Taken by Passerby That Thought the Church was Beautiful

Candlelight/Communion Service



Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service will be held on Saturday evening, December 24, at 6:00 p.m. The Annual Christmas Joy Offering will be received.

Installation of Newly Elected Elders

The Session has approved the examination of our newly elected Elders. They will be installed during Worship on Sunday, December 4. Congratulations to Dee Ashworth, Marilyn Martin, Amy Morris, and Jacky Stamps.



Presbytery Meeting At Trinity Presbyterian Church Travelers Rest



David Bailey speaks at Presbytery Meeting



Financial Report as of November 18, 2022

Budget Needs to Date	\$144,109.26
Budget Receipts to Date	\$135,090.62
Spent to Date	\$135,362.82
Special Offerings	\$7,936.84
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$14,279.00

*"A checkbook is a theological document.
It will tell you who and what you worship.
~~Billy Graham*

6th ANNUAL BAZAAR REPORT



Midway's Bazaar fundraiser was not as well attended as prior bazaars, but it brought our members together, and it raised \$2100 for District 5's Homeless & Foster Kids Program, so in our books, it was a success! Great thanks to Kitty Burge, our Pricing Queen, who also did a praiseworthy job of merchandise display, and to Roz Rozakos, Elaine Gilmore, Randi Rexroad, Jean Smith and Marilyn Martin for help with the set-up, and to those same women plus Will Greer, Hazel McCallum, Amy Morris, Elnor Harrell, LeNelle Chastain, Cindy Wentzky, Terry Waddell, Marilyn Mamrick, Dee Ashworth and Cindy Evans who helped on the day of the sale – and also to Linda Barnes and Joyce Horwath who had planned to help the day of the

sale, but, as the saying goes, "Man plans and God laughs". Hopefully both of them are feeling great again. Thanks also to Linda Barnes, Brenda Stamps, Carol Wentzky and many of the above-mentioned ladies for their soups, salads and baked goods contributions. The Bakery was a great success, raising over \$400 in homemade goodies. Thank you to Jacky Stamps, Tom Waddell, Keith Wentzky and Jim Mylod for the manpower they provided in moving tables, bringing ice and, in Jacky's case, making items to sell at the bazaar. Great thanks also to George Mason, whose intricately handcrafted wooden ornaments and tiny birdhouses raised \$245 for the youngsters. The unsold merchandise was boxed up and taken to Savvy Sister's Consignment Shop, where additional sales could possibly be made.

Details of the clothing and toiletry purchases would take too much room to list, but in short, we've purchased 29 jackets/coats/vests, 13 sweatshirts/sweaters, a dozen L/S tops, plus leggings, underwear and sox; also, quantities of bar soap, liquid soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoos and deodorants for the youngsters in the District 5 program. These items will soon be delivered by the Parish Care Team. In December we'll purchase gift cards at Carnival Shoes, Walmart, Chick Fil A and McDonald's for Christmas gifts for the youngsters, as well as some gas and grocery gift cards for the families currently residing at Family Promise. We've also purchased toiletries and small gifts for the senior residents of the Clinton Presbyterian Community, as well as stocking stuffers for those at Senior Solutions Adult Day Care, to whom we'll be Christmas caroling in December. Please know that your efforts and contributions to this fundraiser go a long way to bring Christmas cheer to both old and young in our community. Thank you!

Linda Henderson-Mylod

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER



Pulpit

Dec. 4 Jacky Stamps
11 John Dodwell
18 Linda Mylod
25 Roz Rozakos

Head Usher

Dec. 4 Tom Waddell
11 Keith Wentzky
18 Donetta Dodwell
25 John Dodwell

Sunday School Secretaries

Dec. 4 Amy Morris
11 Amy Morris
18 Sammy Stevenson
25 Bob Bone



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec.	2	Denise Kowalski
	5	Kathy Gilmore
	11	Linda Hawkins
	19	John Dodwell
	31	Ryan Morris



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dec.	21	Jim & Sybil Ginn	64th
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“WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS”



Trinity Church in Travelers Rest



Thanks to Keith Wentzky for Veterans Day Flags

GOT GREENS? Our Farmers Do



Keith Wentzky — Turnip Greens



Sammy Stevenson — Collards



Sammy & Rudy Wentzky — Collards



John & Hazel's November Roses



Elnor, Linda & Kitty ready for Sales



Kendra & Chrissie with Beautiful Jewelry & Pottery



Busy Shoppers



Cindy, Bob, Goetz & Linda enjoying Soup



Bessie, Karolina & Roz with Lovely Christmas Decor



George Mason with his Amazing Woodwork