

GraceVine



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10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Fellowship

Sharing God's Love through Fellowship, Ministry and Worship

Newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month. Items may be sent to Editor,
LeeAnn Burt: leeinkc@hotmail.com or deposited in the GraceVine mail slot in the office.

Pastor's Corner



Advent

There is a word which is a combination of two Latin words: ad, which means to and venire, which means to come. The word is advent—to come to and it is not uncommon in our own daily vocabulary. We speak of the advent of TV, computers, space travel, fast food ... you name it. You know, however, that the Advent I have in mind is the one with the theological slant. It's the one which begins the Christian year. It's the one which, this year, begins (or began, depending on when you see this) on Sunday, November 28.

Advent refers to a past experience ... to the time when God did come in Christ at Christmas. The prophets' promises were fulfilled in the baby. The coming also refers to the present ... to the times (maybe during the season) when God comes to you or me. The coming refers to the future ... to the unpredictable time when "from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead" as we say many Sundays when we affirm our faith using the Apostle's Creed.

Since Advent promises the sure coming of the Lord, it's message is prepare. The Lord is coming, whether or not the world is ready—whether or not we are ready—and it is up to people to prepare by repentance, prayer, and patience. Advent's mood is expressed in it's liturgical color, either purple, the color of quiet dignity, or blue, the color of royalty. Advent is the time when we recognize the tension between the already (he has come) and the not yet (he is coming again).

Of all the seasons of the Christian year Advent is the one most difficult to observe because of all the excitement about the celebration of Christmas. It is difficult to postpone the singing of Christmas carols until the season of Christmas (which is from Christmas Eve through January 5). So while we will begin soon to introduce some carols into our worship, decorate our church, and look toward Christmas Day, let's try to remember to observe Advent even as we make way for the Christmas season.

The Lord be with you ...



Military Overseas
& Home
All 1st Responders
All Educators
Pastor, Church
& Officers
Dawn Hart Branch
Paul & Betty Carlisle
Beth Day
Kathleen Ellis
Dave & Pat Farmer
Leslie Fox
Joe Garcia
Iris Guy
Lois Hagen
Mark Harris
Larry Ickes
Kathy Orris
David Smith
DJ Smith



Names will remain on the prayer list for one month, unless requested for longer. Please call the church office 239-694-2444 if you wish to add or delete a name.

Please remember all those who are grieving the loss of a loved one this Christmas.

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries. 🔋. When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries. Some need AA...attention and affection; some need AAA...attention, affection, and acceptance; some need C....compassion; some need D...direction. And if they still don't seem to shine...simply sit with them quietly and share your light. 💕



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DEC 6 WAYNE NICHOLS
DEC 11 FRANK ORRIS
DEC 17 NICK ROESCH
DEC 28 GRACE JOHNSTON

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

DEC 4 RODNEY & LEEANN BURT
DEC 5 DAVID & CANDACE SUNDBY
DEC 13 KURT & JOANNE WAGNER
DEC 15 JOHN & BARBARA MITCHELL
DEC 18 FRANK & KATHY ORRIS
DEC 26 ANDY & SARAH FICCIO
DEC 28 JOHN & BETTY JONES
DEC 28 BILL FOGNINI & BOBBI SCOTT
DEC 31 MARGARET & JOE ELYARD



Let us pray

Fall asleep tonight with nothing but love and forgiveness in your heart.

What's meant for you will be there for you tomorrow and the next day.

Trust your journey.

Rest your soul.

God is with you and He will see you through.



Wednesdays, December 1, 8 & 15 - 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Connection, dinner and fellowship

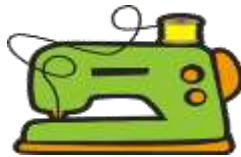
Sundays, December 5, 12, 19 and 26 - 9:00 - 9:45 am Adult Sunday School Bible Study

Sunday, December 12 - 11:00 am *A Very Thankful Christmas Brunch* following Worship

Sunday, December 19 -10:00 am Christmas Cantata

Tuesday, December 21—Bob Evans Fundraisr

Friday, December 24 - 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service



Stitch N' Stuff

God helps us in all our troubles so we are able to help others. 2 Corinthians 1:4

Until 1916, the only way to fight was by trench (TEV) warfare, that is until the heavy artillery tank was invented. The same way with the sewing machine invention. Before that everything was sewn by hand with a needle and thread. What little we could do if we had to do that today! It might take 100 people to do what we are doing with just five or six people each week. It gives you some thoughts back to when Dorcas served all the people in Acts 9:36.

Our group may be something you might have an interest in to help someone out who needs a pillow or quilt. We meet on Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Please come check us out to see if this might interest you. If you have questions, please contact Betty Carlisle at 239-728-1101.

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 -11:00 Renew & Rejoice 6 00 Wed. Night Connection	2 9:00 Labor & Land- scapers 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	3	4
5 8:45 Choir 9:00 Adult SS 10:00 Worship 2nd Sunday of Advent	6	7	8 9:30 -11:00 Renew & Rejoice 6 00 Wed. Night Connection	9 9:00 Labor & Land- scapers 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	10	11
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26 8:45 Choir 9:00 Adult SS 10:00 Worship 1st Sunday of Christmas	27	28	29	30 9:00 Labor & Land- scapers 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	31 	

**A Very Thankful Christmas Brunch
will be held following Worship
on Sunday, December 12.
The Church will provide the entrée, please bring
your favorite dish to share.**



Worship Committee Update

Our Worship committee is doing well, We have a great group of volunteers helping with both big and little things. Thanks to everyone for all you are doing to keep the Church going strong.

Susie Green is the new person contacting our congregation for Lay Readers. If you would like to be a Lay Reader and you don't think your name is on the list, please feel free to contact Susie.

We are preparing for the Advent Season. Barb Mitchell, our flower lady, will be getting live poinsettias purchased for us by a gracious donation. The Advent candles will be ready for our service on November 26. Kathy Orris is not able to decorate this year so Margaret, Susie, Barb, Janell, Grace and I will do it (with the help of the great guys from building and grounds) on December 2. The Church will be ready for the service December 5.

We will be serving Communion every Sunday during Advent and Christmas Eve. The Christmas Eve service will be at 7:00 pm.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Church this Advent season.

Thank you,
Kathie Saum
Worship Committee Chair

Online Giving Now Available

Online giving offers multiple methods and accepts most common forms of payments, making it easier than ever to keep current with your pledges, tithes, and special offerings.

Scan the QR code below to give an online offering from your web browser now or you can add the Give+ App to your Apple or Android phone. You can set up for one-time or recurring offerings from your checking account, credit card or debit card. You can also go to our church web site anytime and access the online giving web page from there – bucking-hampc.org. If you have any questions, please email or call our Technology Committee members:

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AN ADVENT PRAYER

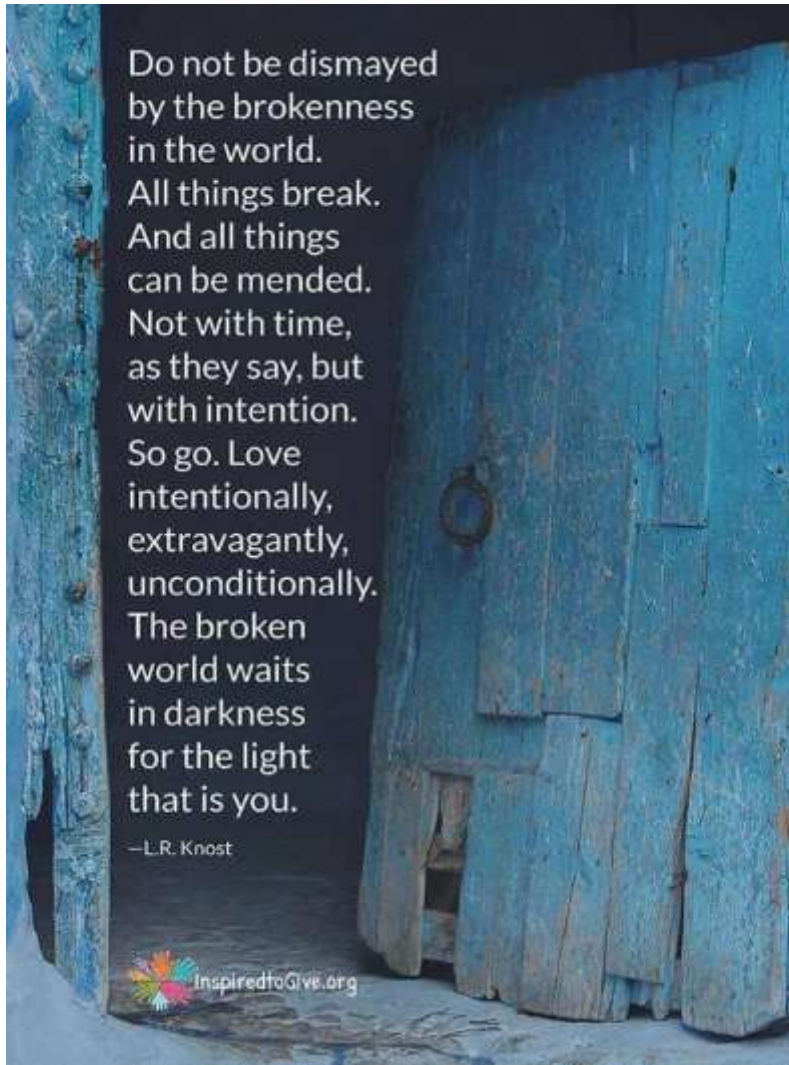
*God of hope, who brought love into this world,
 be the love that dwells between us.*

*God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
 be the peace that dwells between us.*

*God of hope, who brought joy into
 this world, be the joy that dwells
 between us.*

*God of hope, the rock we
 stand upon, be the center, the focus
 of our lives always, and particularly
 this Advent time. Amen.*

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Session Members

Class of 2022

Mary Edmonds
Margaret Elyard
John Jones
Roy Lipsett

Class of 2023

Rodney Burt
Rodney Green
Kathie Saum
Dave Sundby

Class of 2024

Cal Brown
Grace Johnston
Vicki McWhorter
Bob Peterson

Vicki McWhorter,
Session Clerk

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

7:00 PM





Loving
Father
help us remember
the birth of **JESUS**
that we may share in
the song of the angels
the gladness of the shepherds
and the worship of the wise men
Close the door of hate and
open the door of love all over the
world. Let kindness come with every gift and
good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from
evil by the *blessing which Christ brings*, and teach us
to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be *Thy children*, and the Christmas
evening bring us to our beds with graceful thoughts,
for giving and for given,
for Jesus' sake
AMEN



ANGEL TREE

Thanks to your giving hearts, we are sponsoring 48 children from Tice Elementary. Without your donations these kids may not have a Christmas. Just a reminder Angel Tree gifts need to be wrapped with a gift tag identifying the child's name and teacher's name and dropped off to the Narthex of the church by **Friday, December 10, 2021**. If you have questions contact Grace Johnston, 302-750-5991.



BOB EVANS COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER 8940 Colonial Center Drive

Please join us December 21. When you present your coupon with your bill at the checkout, Bob Evans will donate 15% of your bill to our Church. You have the choices of eating in, calling in an order or ordering on line, with the last two you can pick-up inside or curbside. When ordering be sure to tell the person you are talking to, you need them to add a coupon from our Church so we get credit. This is a great way for the Church to make some extra money and you won't have to cook a meal. This is good any time that day from open to close. We will be emailing a coupon that you can print or you can pick one up at Church the Sunday before.

Cal Brown
Fundraising Committee Chair



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING IS DECEMBER 19

We invite you to support the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, as well as education and leadership development at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color, by giving to the Christmas Joy Offering. Please remit your gifts to the church prior to December 23 so they may be submitted to the receiving agency by January 1. Or, you may submit directly to Christmas Joy Offering, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 before January 1, 2022. If you have questions, you may call 502-569-5047.



We are sad to announce that George West has passed away. Please keep his family in your prayers as we grieve with them. We stand in the hope of the promise of the resurrection.



Adult Sunday School Bible Study

On December 5, we will begin our Winter season Adult Sunday School Bible Study. We will be using Feasting on the Word; a PCUSA curriculum. The study begins with "Preparing the Way" with a focus on Luke 1:68-79 which is about Zechariah's prophecy about John the Baptist's role and message. Our Bible study is from 9:00 - 9:45 am. All are welcome to join in this shared study and fun. For more information, please call Vicki McWhorter at 239-823-6534 or the church office.

Wednesday Night Connection

WNC is a Wednesday night study that meets for shortened, specific topics off and on throughout the year. The evening begins with dinner (dessert too) and fellowship and continues with a study led by Pastor Tim. Our class on the Lord's Prayer will be resume December 1, 8, and wrapping up on Wednesday, December 15. Joining for dinner is optional. For a \$5.00 donation you will receive a Fellowship meal prepared by volunteers. The meal begins at 6:00 pm. If you prefer, you can come for just the study which begins at 6:30 pm. For more information, please check the upcoming Sunday Bulletin or with Pastor Tim, Vicki, or the church office.



Nursery Attendant on Call

October 24 - Vicki
 October 31 - Alexis
 November 7 - Kathie
 November 14 - Vicki
 November 21 - Alexis
 November 28 - Kathie
 December 5 - Vicki
 December 12 - Alexis
 December 19 - Kathie

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

