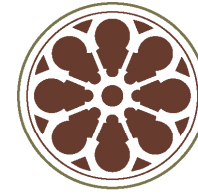


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What's Happening . . . Week of December 20		
Sunday December 20	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM Noon-1:30 PM 3:00 PM-4:30 PM	Sunday School Birthday Party for Jesus Worship Service Children's Christmas Party (room 211/212) Youth Christmas Party (Holly's House)
Monday December 21		
Tuesday December 22		
Wednesday December 23		
Thursday December 24	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship Service (church office closed)
Friday December 25		"For Unto Us a Child is Born" (church office closed)
Saturday December 26		
Sunday December 27	10:30 AM	No Church School (Bible Class will meet) Worship Service No Children or Youth Groups


S.E.C.C. Staff:
 Senior Minister..... Mickey Anders
 Associate Minister..... Holly Fuqua
 Music Minister.....Chris Weiss
 Children's Director.....Emily Downing
 Intern.....Christopher Geiger



Pianist.....Kay McAllister
 Secretary.....Tammy Starbuck
 Little Elks Pre-School Dir...Carol Neal
 Nursery Attendants.....Kenna Blanton,
 Erin Fields, Jennifer Davis

The Current

Christmas Cantata This Sunday, December 20 at 10:30 AM
 Sunday School at 9:00 AM
 All children are invited to stay in the service for the Cantata. There will be no Children Worship & Wonder. The nursery will be available.



No Sunday School on December 27. However, the Bible Class will continue to have Sunday School on that day. The nursery will open at 10AM.



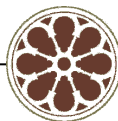
Your gift truly makes a difference!
 Our Christmas Offering will be received this Sunday, December 20.


*Christmas Eve
Worship*
Candlelight & Communion Service
December 24
7:00 PM

There will not be a newsletter on December 23 or December 30. The newsletter will resume on January 6.
The church office will be closed December 24 through January 1.

Our Mission Statement: To Love God and Neighbor through Worship, Witness, Fellowship, Service and Discipleship.

Life Together by Mickey Anders



What a wonderful Drive Through Bethlehem we had last Saturday! It was great fun for all of us and obviously a big hit for the community. At our best count, we had 610 cars come through during the three hours. Of course, there are always special adventures in Drive Through. This year, the camel spit on Jack McAllister's face! And the donkeys really didn't want to be there. I have the lucky position of serving as one of the greeters and get to hear all of the expressions of gratitude to our church for such a wonderful gift to the community. This year, I realized for the first time that many of those who drive through have just left worship services at Southland Christian. I often tease about them being our little mission church down the road, but next year, we may want to ask them to announce our Drive Through at the end of their services!

The Drive Through Bethlehem is hard work for lots of people. We must have had close to 100 people involved in one way or another. The church owes a special thank you to Zach Fuqua's Sunday School class for taking the lead on this major event. They always do a superb job of planning and coordinating the work. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

What a spectacular service we had last Sunday! The brass quintet added so much to the service. How fortunate we were to have our brass players to all be music professors at UK! Wow! It doesn't get much better than that. So many people expressed their appreciation for that service that I think we will make the Lessons and Carols Service an annual tradition for the third Sunday of Advent.

Next Sunday will be the time for our choir cantata. It will be another service filled with the wonderful scriptural passages for the season and lovely music provided by our choir. We are so very fortunate to have such great musical talent in our congregation. After the service on Sunday, we will move to the Historic Sanctuary for the baptism of Tom and Susan Simpson. It'll be another great day!

And don't miss the Christmas Eve Service at 7 pm on December 24! Holly has planned this special service so that we can experience that first Christmas through music and drama. We will all be required to sign Caesar's register as we enter the church. Then we will hear monologues from Gabriel, Joseph, Mary, and the shepherds. The children will dress in Biblical costumes and join the manger scene at the end of the service while we light candles and sing "Silent Night."

Also please remember our special offerings as we end the year. Next Sunday, we will collect the denominational Christmas offering. All of the funds given for this offering come back to our state to help all of our Regional ministries - men's, women's, and youth ministries, camps, new church starts, and the work of our regional office. Then on Christmas Eve we will take a special offering for Christian Care Communities. For some reason, our offerings for Christian Care Communities have been down this year, so please make a catch-up offering for them.

Mickey

By Our Service, Sunday, December 20 & 27

Worship Leader	Cliff Ellerbrook (12/20) Kim Wemyss (12/27)
Elders	John Johnson, Kelly Nossokoff (12/20) Don Morgan, Sharon White (12/27)
Deacons Serving Communion	(12/20) Jamie Crouch, Sue Southworth, Timothea Branham-PS Kyla Parrett-DS Kelcie Hollis-D (alternate) Chad Conley-CS John McCrary-C, serve stage Karen Smith-C (alternate) Greg Smith-S, Usher (12/27) Lynn Purdom-P (alternate) Stephanie Reedy, Lindsley Purdom, Kendra Weisenfeld-PS Felito Aldarondo, Hannah Griffen-D (alternate) Jamie Crouch, Shirley Sandusky-CS Nancye Smith-C, serve stage Tom Weisenfeld-S, Usher
Greeters	Norm & Virginia Atkins Mike & Val Huggins (12/20) Margie Drake, Peggy Thoomas Dee Pinkstaff, Bertie Caddell (12/27)
Sound System	Media Team
Acolyte	Alyssa Parrett (12/20) Lauren Denham (12/27)
Fellowship Hour	Doug & Kelly Nossokoff (12/20) Debbie Parrett, Janet Warren (12/27)
Visitor Care	Peter & Mary Griffen (12/20) Eddie & Eyvonne Overton (12/27)
Homebound Communion December 27	Maurice Walker, Elise Wallace, Sharon White

By Our Prayers

- Piper Ann Nealey (Becky Burklow's granddaughter) is in NICU at St. Joseph East.
 - Margie Drake.
 - Barby Hardy.
 - Betsy Bryan.
 - Bess Propes (former member who now lives in Texas).
 - Mike O'Bryant (Thelma Brown's brother in law).
 - John Hawkins.
 - Bob Mossman.
 - Carolyn Schneidt (Terry & Donna Bay's neighbor).
 - Phyllis Rohlf.
 - Ruth Haggard (Ray Haggard's mother).
 - Chuck Heidel (friend of Lloyd and Kim Wemyss).
 - Cecelia Kemmerer (Pam Zwart's Aunt).
 - Johnny McGuire (Timothea Branham's brother).
 - Marion Diamond (friend of Mary Louis Phelps).
 - Charley Phelps (relative of Mary Louis Phelps).
 - Lukas Nedelco (Debbie Parrett's nephew).
 - Rita Haggard (J.D. Haggard's mother).
 - Zach Pickard.
 - Mason Pontrich (Little Elks Student).
 - Gavin Carr (former Little Elks Student).
 - Terry Bay's father, Milton Bay.
 - Cathy Morris.
 - **Please remember our homebound members in prayer:** George Compton, Ella Fuqua, Margaret Peacher.
 - **Please remember our family and friends in the military:** Crystal Anders in Iraq, Rodney Lipscomb in Iraq.
- Please call the church office if you would like to add or remove a name from this list.**

Our Ministry	
Received 12/13/2009 \$12,687	
"Make God Real" Campaign	
New Building Received 12/13/2009 \$1846	
Kroger \$344.20	
Children \$109.93	
Youth Angel Fund \$278	

Our Attendance		
	12/13/09	Last Year
Worship	248	246
Church School	34	
Children's Church	66	

**Children & Youth Group
Christmas Parties!
December 20**

Children (K-5th grade): Noon-1:30 pm: We will meet after church in room 211/212 for lunch and a gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift of \$5.00 or less.

Youth (6th-12th grade): 3:00- 4:30 pm: Meet at Holly's house for Christmas appetizers and a gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift of \$5.00 or less. Please see Holly if you need directions.

**Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 10**

Immediately following worship. We will vote on the Articles and By-Laws.

Coat Collection

You may drop off your coat at the coat rack across from Tammy's office. There are tags to hang over the hanger. We will collect until January 1. We have 17 coats that have been donated already. Thank you in advance for the donation.



The JOY Circle

A Note of Thanks from God's Pantry

Thank you for your recent food donation of 451 pounds of food to our Emergency Food Box Program. Your donation will be used to stock the shelves of the six food pantries that we operate which help our neighbors in need.

Every month we distribute over 110,000 pounds of donated, purchased and USDA government commodities through six locations. In the past nine months, we have seen a 38% increase in the number of households seeking food assistance from this program. We are serving 1200 households every month.

Sincerely,
Robert Srodulski
God's Pantry Food Drive Coordinator

**Euchre
January 9, 2010
7:00 P.M.
McMahan Hall**

Call Jeannine Robinson (223-5545) to reserve your spot. Everyone is welcome. If you want to learn how to play, we will be glad to teach you. Everyone brings a snack to share.

**Earth Stewardship
Holiday Tip of the Week**



Turn out the lights: When you are going to bed, make sure you turn off your Christmas lights to save energy and money.

**Birthday Party for Jesus!
This Sunday, December 20
9:30 AM in McMahan Hall**



All Sunday School classes are invited to join the Happy Birthday to Jesus Party on Sunday, December 20th at 9:30 am in McMahan Hall. Our gifts to Jesus this year will be new or gently used Children's Books to be donated to the Reading Book Project at the Thomas H. Pinkstaff Medical Home Clinic. You do not need to wrap the books.

Please come and bring your book and then eat birthday cake! All children are invited to make a Christmas ornament as well that will be provided. If you do not come to Sunday School, this is a GREAT time to get involved. We hope to see everyone at the party!

**All Church Trip to
Perfect North
Saturday, January 9
cost: \$45**



Price includes admission, lessons and snowboarding, skiing and tubing rentals. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you want to attend. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 3. We plan to carpool this year, we will not take the church bus.

Children Worship & Wonder Schedule

12/20 No Children Worship & Wonder due to Christmas Cantata

12/27 Christmas-- Meeting the Christ Child
Storyteller: Janie Fields
Greeters: Gretel Morgan, Kelcie Hollis

1/3 Boy Jesus in the Temple
Storyteller: Janie Fields
Greeters: Kelcie Hollis, Emily Burden

1/10 Jesus is Baptized
Storyteller: Janie Fields
Greeters: Emily Burden, Amy Morris

1/17 Jesus in the Wilderness
Storyteller: Holly Fuqua
Greeters: Amy Morris, Kelly Reese

1/24 Parable of the Mustard Seed
Storyteller: Holly Fuqua
Greeters: Kelly Reese, Angie Kerrick

1/31 Parable of the Leaven
Storyteller: Holly Fuqua
Greeters: Angie Kerrick, Stephanie Reedy

Thank You

We want to add one more Thank You to the list of those who helped sew the Children's Costumes. Thanks to Mary Louis Phelps for her help!



Merry Christmas from the staff at

South Elkhorn Christian Church!

THANKS TO SECC BELL RINGERS

Fifty-four members of the South Elkhorn Christian Church family rang the bell for the Salvation Army this year and raised \$1,344.70!

SECC's volunteers rang for 26 hours on November 14 and 21 and December 5, surpassing last year's total raised by \$138.97.

Total contributions to the 2009 Kettle Campaign in the three-county area (Fayette, Jessamine and Scott) are running ahead of last year thanks to South Elkhorn Christian Church and the many other volunteer groups who participate.

Our heartfelt thanks are extended to everyone who participated in the bell ringing effort:

Jason Feese	Anne Carter
Landon Feese	Leslie Carter
Norman Atkins	Laura Johnson
Miles Atkins	Shelby Johnson
Barry Atkins	Barby Hardy
Will Anders	Charlie Hardy
J. D. Haggard	Jack McAlister
Kendra Weisenfeld	Kay McAlister
Amy Morris	Lois Walker
Megan Morris	Jerry Walker
Carolyn Sandusky	Clay Sandusky
Slone	Shirley Sandusky
Clabe Slone	Don Morgan
Joanne Walker	Dave Johnson
Maurice Walker	Scott Brown
Agnes Sandford	Lizzy Brown
Liz Short	The Griffin Family (Peter, Mary, Hanna and Oliver)
Sharon White	Debbie Parrett
Jamie Crouch	Kyla Parrett
Gaynelle Morris	Lynn Purdom
Dee Pinkstaff	Lindsley Purdom
Stephanie Ready	Mickey Anders
Doug Alexander	Sarah Anders
Rhoda Rolfes	
Nicole Price	
The Fuqua Family (Holly, Zach, Kennedy and Spencer)	

My apologies to anyone I may have left out.
Doug Alexander

The Thomas H. Pinkstaff MEDICAL HOME CLINIC 1st Annual South Elkhorn Christian Church Fundraiser and Book Drive This Sunday, December 20



The Clinic has a multifaceted reading project - they participate in the national program, Reach Out and Read (ROR) and provide an age and developmentally appropriate book for every child during their well child examination from 6 months through 5 years of age. Additionally, the Clinic has established a reading corner in the waiting room for children of all ages to read books while they wait. The Clinic also wants to give a book to every child placed in foster care at their first visit so that they have something of their own to keep and enjoy.

We will highlight the book drive at the "Birthday Party for Jesus" this Sunday, December 20 at 9:30 am in the McMahan Hall. Children of all ages are invited to bring an unwrapped book or a monetary donation to the party. We hope everyone can come and celebrate!

The About Christianity Class

No Children or Youth Groups on Sunday, December 27 or January 3. We will resume meeting on January 10. See you then!

Bob Ross will give a Mission Trip Report at the next Vespers Service on Wednesday, January 6 at 6:00 PM in the Historic Sanctuary.

Children & Youth Calendar for January 2010

JANUARY

Sunday, January 3: No Youth Group.

Saturday, January 9: All Church Perfect North Ski Trip. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 3. Sign up in the foyer or you may also email Holly at hollyfuqua@gmail.com.

Sunday, January 10, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm: Dinner and prepare for Art Fair.

Sunday, January 17, 5:00 pm-7:00pm: Dinner, Bible Study and finish Art Fair.

Sunday, January 24, 3:30 pm-5:30 pm: Ice Skating, 560 Eureka Springs Drive, Lexington.

Sunday, January 31, 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm: Dinner, Bible Study and Valentine's gifts for shut ins

Those serving on January 3, 2010

Please keep this schedule posted, as the next newsletter will be January 6.

Worship Leader: Cliff Ellerbrook

Deacons: Kenny Keeling, Ellie Johnson-PS
Karen Keeling-P, serve stage
John & Carole Cole-D (alternate)
Frank, Deborah and Sarah Goad-CS
Dick Rohlf-S, Usher

Greeters: Kenny Keeling, Angie Kerrick, Danny & Kristie Minke

Fellowship Hour: Megan Weiss, Zilda Wilson

Acolyte: Landon Feese