

# FCC Newsletter

## Help Us Support Children in the Community

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had been able to support the children who attend John G. Carlisle Elementary during the holiday season by purchasing Christmas gifts for children in need. This year, individuals will once again be able to provide gifts for the children of John G. Carlisle Elementary!



Sue and Steve Rehfuss will provide the list of children's names & their Christmas Wish Lists. Folks are welcome to go in on gifts for a particular child together, if they wish. Sue and Steve will also help make arrangements to have the gifts delivered to the school.

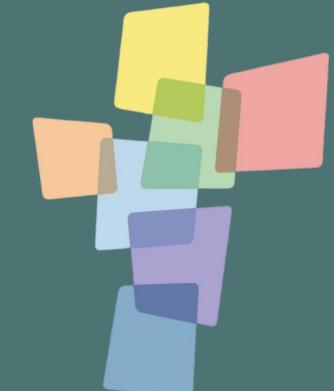
A reminder will be sent out once the church office has been notified that the lists are available. If you'd like to participate but are unable to get to the church building to pick up a list or deliver gifts, please contact Sue and Steve Rehfuss to make arrangements.

## Panera Pick-up Proposal

**Did you know** that part of the donations for the Panorama Food Pantry come from Panera in Newport? For nearly the past two years folks like Sterling, Brenda, Cathy, Rob, and Tim have been picking up unused bread on Wednesday nights from the Newport Panera and donating it to the Panorama Food Pantry!

This ministry is so important and has so many folks supporting it—but it can't continue without the help and support of the congregation! We would love to have more volunteers involved so that the folks who are currently a part of the ministry won't get burned out.

If you are interested in learning more about how to help with the Panera pick-up, or with the Panorama Food Pantry in general, please



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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Be on the lookout for Christmas Lists from the students of John G. Carlisle Elementary.
- Looking for volunteers to help deliver bread from Panera to the Panorama Food Pantry.
- Congratulations to Anthony Meritt on his baptism!
- We will be decorating for Advent on 11/22 at 6 PM.
- Check out our calendar of events for Advent season!

## General Assembly Registration is now Open!

The 2023 General Assembly Kindom of God, Within Us, Among Us, is a call for Disciples to strengthen their relationship with God, both as individuals and as a part of God's community through an expansive gathering of the church in Louisville. The past two years, we have had to be separated but we have also innovated new ways for God's limitless love to be revealed in our church, our communities, and around the world. God's limitless imagination holds so many possibilities for our church.

This four-day event will encourage Disciples who gather to celebrate the way that God's

expansive love connects each of us as "kin" and to be part of the larger Kindom of God. Join us July 29-August 1, 2023 for worship, workshops, Bible study, opportunities to explore Louisville, mission project, and the sacred work of the church for children, youth, and adults across the life of the church.

Registration is NOW OPEN! Join Disciples from across the United States and Canada at 2023 General Assembly in Louisville, KY, July 29 - August 1 at the Kentucky International Convention Center. Enjoy early bird pricing by [registering today!](#)

# KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

July 29 - August 1, 2023. Louisville

***"To become the beloved community, we must be willing to go out into the world and meet God's people where they are."***

*- Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillet, II*

## A Word from the CCK Regional Minister

### **“THERE IS STILL ROOM”**

Hallelujah! What a joyous time in the Lord we had, as we gathered at First Christian Church in Georgetown for our Regional Assembly. It had been three years since we last met in person as a region. It was awesome to be together through fellowship, worship, bible study and workshops as we all were **“Welcomed to the Table.”** Thank you to the planning team, volunteers, FCC Georgetown, and host Pastor Chris Cash.

This Luke text is familiar to many of us. However, this year it challenged me more than usual - it is great to gather at the table, to be invited to the table and to fellowship at the table. And still, I left the Assembly with the servant's words ringing in my ears: **“but there is still room.”**

There is still room at the table, and we are called to invite others to come and fill it. What a challenge. **To become the beloved community, we must be willing to go out into the world and meet God's people where they are.**

Please continue to partner with me in doing three things:

1. Praying for the health and growth of each of our nearly 200 congregations that make up the Christian Church in Kentucky,
2. Praying for the health and growth of the Christian Church in Kentucky as a whole, and
3. Praying for an expanded table for all of God's children.

*On the journey together!*

*- Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillet, II*

## Celebrating Baptism!



Join with us as we celebrate the baptism of Anthony Meritt! We are glad to celebrate Anthony's faith journey with him and blessed to be a part of his baptism.



## Decorating for Advent

As many of you have likely realized, Advent season is quickly coming upon us! Our church is blessed to be housing a wedding the day before our first Sunday Advent service. As such, we are asking our members to help us decorate the sanctuary *after* the wedding and *before* Sunday morning's service.

**Please join us Saturday, November 26th at 6:00 PM to decorate the sanctuary!**



## 2022 Advent Calendar

Advent season is upon us! We are looking for volunteers to help with several of these events—such as Decorating for Advent and bringing the symbols of the season to the altar during the Hanging of the Greens—and ask that you reach out to Pastor Tracy or the church office if you are willing to help out in any way.

Check out the following list of events to see how you can get involved!

### 11/26 - 6:00 PM Decorating for Advent

We'll gather in the sanctuary to decorate for the Advent season. This will prepare us for the Hanging of the Greens service on Sunday morning.

### 11/27 - 10:45 AM Hanging of the Greens

The "new" traditional Hanging of the Greens service with bringing in the signs and symbols of the season and presentation of the rose.

Pick up your "Be Ready" Advent devotional. The church is providing this resource; if you are able, please consider a \$5 love offering toward this ministry.

### 11/30 - 12:00 PM Theopoetics: Black Women's Poetry

The DHM Office of Christian Education & Faith Formation invites you to spend an hour learning Black women's poetry as a spiritual practice. Dr. Oluwatomisin "Tomi" Oredin will lead us in the foundations of theopoetics, exploring Black women's writings, and in nurturing our own poetry as a spiritual practice in freedom. She is the Assistant Professor in Black Religious Traditions and Constructive Theology and Ethics and the Director of Black Church Studies at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, TX.

### 12/1 - 7:00 PM World AIDS Day Service

December 1 is #WorldAIDSDay, where communities across the globe come together to bring attention to the #HIV epidemic.

The evening will feature a quilt signing, music written or performed by HIV/AIDS activists and readings/reflections from people who are living with or have been affected by HIV.

By honoring this day, we contribute to the effort to end HIV and make the world a healthier place.

### 12/4 - 10:45 AM Sunday Worship Service

Join in-person or online via Facebook and YouTube.

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### 12/11 - After Worship Congregational Meeting

The congregation will be asked to vote on the nominees for Leadership Council, Elders, Deacons and other church leadership roles, affirm the continuation of the Leadership Council and approve the 2023 ministry budget.

### 12/14 - 7:30 PM SoulCare: Warmth & Wellness

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### 12/18 - 10:45 AM Lessons & Carols

This is a traditional service of 9 Lessons and Carols that the congregation enjoyed last year. There will be lots of singing of our favorite Christmas Carols and hope inspired by reading the Scriptural prophecies of the Messiah.

### 12/24 - 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Community Dinner

We are hosting the community dinner on Christmas Eve. We will offer a big feast and presents for all our guests. We'll sing Christmas Carols and maybe have a visit from Santa. This is an all-hands on-deck project for all of us to offer a gift to the community as part of our Christmas Eve worship.

### 12/24 - After Dinner Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

A family-friendly candlelight service. All are welcome!

### 12/25 - 10:45 AM Christmas Morning Pajama Party

You are invited to wear your new Christmas pajamas to service. We'll sing lots of Christmas carols and enjoy some sweet treats.



## Recurring Events:

**Sundays 10:45 AM**

Morning Worship

*Join us in-person or from home during our live stream!*

**Tuesdays 2:00 PM**

Women's Bible Study

*Join the weekly Zoom call for a prayer and Bible study session! Contact the church office for the Zoom link if interested.*

**Saturdays 5:00 PM**

Community Dinner

*We prepare and serve a community dinner weekly and always need volunteers! Contact the church office if you're interested!*

## Prayer List

- Phyllis Mead
- Rose & Elton Gudvangen
- Imogene Walters
- Bernard Howell
- Sue Gallenstein
- Priscilla Hubbard
- Tracy Siegman
- Sam Schottenstein
- Dylan & Ella Gallenstein

***Thank you for reading this week's newsletter!***

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