

# United Presbyterian Church

**United Presbyterian Church**  
**326 S. Main Street**  
**Harrodsburg, KY 40330**  
**(859) 734-4710**  
**Sunday Service 10:45am**



**December 2019**  
**December Elder: Jackie Corbit**  
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## *Les Jongleurs*

A Premier Central Kentucky Choral Ensemble



## **HOLIDAY CONCERT SERIES**

### **First Baptist Church Carlisle**

345 N Locust St  
Carlisle, Kentucky  
December 1 at 4:00pm

### **United Presbyterian Church**

326 South Main St  
Harrodsburg, KY 40330  
December 8 at 5:00pm

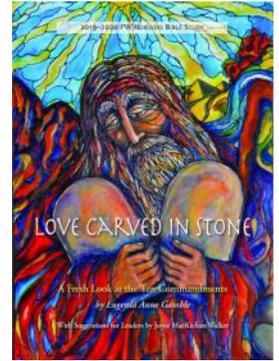
### **Shaker Village**

4384 Shakertown Rd  
Harrodsburg, Kentucky  
December 21 at 7:00pm

All concerts are free. A love offering will be taken.

The next meeting of Kate Riker Circle will be on **Monday, December 2nd at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall.** We will be studying lesson 4 in our books. Laura Devine will lead the devotion. Remember to bring quarters for Carrie's Cause. **Merry Christmas from all of us to you!**

Laura Fugate Devine, Moderator



**Christmas Choir Rehearsal. Saturday**

**December 14th, 10:00am!**



At Ron and Jackie Corbit's house.

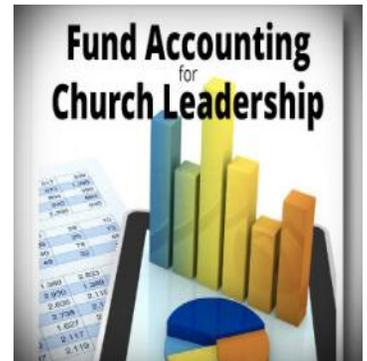
**Sunday, December 15th**

from 1-4pm. Everyone is invited.



**MONTHLY REPORT**

Beginning Balance: <b>October 1, 2019</b>	\$ 22,685.10
Income	\$ 4,451.04
Total	<u>\$ 27,136.14</u>
Expenditures	<u>\$ 11,515.58</u>
Total	\$ 15,620.56
Transfer from Memorial Fund	<u>\$ 0</u>
Ending Balance: <b>October 31, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 15,620.56</b>



Lisa Gilbert is in need of **yarn** for her ministry of making prayer shawls, lap blankets, scarves, etc... to give to the needy for warmth this winter. There is a donation box for the yarn in the church narthex.

**Attention Committee Chairs**

Please prepare your end of the year report for your committee and get it into the office (email is fine) **no later than December 15th** so the Annual Report can be prepared for an early January Congregational Meeting.



## In the Spirit of Christmas

“Presbyterians are not very good at inviting others to church”.

This was a statement overheard at a recent Kate Riker Circle Meeting.

Think about it. Does it apply to you? Was not that a part of the commitment we made when we decided to become Christians and join UPC?

On Sunday, December 22nd our choir and other members will be telling the story of the original Christmas. There will be no formal sermon, no preacher in charge of the service. Immediately after we reacquaint ourselves with the reason we celebrate this time of year, there will be a church family/friends meal in Fellowship Hall.

### **What an opportune time to invite:**

- a) our own family members;
- b) congregational family members who have become inactive (check our church roll; this includes almost ½ listed);
- c) anyone (of any age) who could benefit from being with a loving church family; also
- d) how about old friends of UPC with whom we just enjoy spending time?

Every UPC member has responsibility to help others feel welcome to our church.

The church will provide meat and drinks for this family meal. Any church member willing to bring a favorite holiday dish is encouraged to do so (if you no longer cook, why not buy a dessert?). Drop off food contributions in Fellowship Hall when you come to church (see posted sign-up sheet).

However, the focus of the day is fellowship and worshiping together. Attendance on Sunday, December 22nd depends on you! In the Spirit of Christmas, let us not only participate; but be gracious hosts by inviting others to join our celebration.

If interested, the Hospitality Committee has made “*informal invites*” available (table in rear of sanctuary) for your convenience. Please add your personal note before mailing or hand delivering to someone you would like to come to our service and meal. If you wish to include someone, but do not wish to invite them yourself, please give Marilyn Allen their name and address. They will be sent an invitation.

**We will be Christmas Caroling on  
Saturday, December 21st. Meet at the  
church at 3:00pm. Bring your friends and  
family. Everyone is invited to join us!**



**Sweet Blessings is Closing**

Sweet Blessings, a ministry that provided more than 14,000 birthday cakes to children in need since 2011, will be closing June 2020. This organization shared this ministry with us during a Minute for Mission a couple years ago. By the time they close, their goal is to prayerfully choose another Christ centered non-profit in which to reinvest Sweet Blessings funds. The letter they sent to notify us of this situation ended with very kind words which I will share with you. *"Because of your involvement with Sweet Blessings, you ARE a SWEET BLESSING yourself...Remember, it is not about the cake; it's about making people feel loved, important and included. It's about sharing the love of Christ through your actions. It's about making our lives more about others and less about ourselves."* What a great challenge this is for us as Christians!



The mitten tree is up and ready for hats, scarves, gloves, socks and mittens. Lets help keep the people of Mercer County stay warm this winter!

Don't forget the 3 children we are sponsoring this year together with the Harrodsburg Herald's "Love Tree". Let's make their Christmas a happy one.

Thanks to all who have bought gifts or given money for this project.

Remember - gifts need to be brought to the church by December 8th. Place them under the Mitten Tree.

Thank you so much for your help.

*Merry Christmas!*

*Laura Fugate Devine*





## The Tree



Once there was a cedar tree who couldn't wait for Christmas.

All his life he knew what he wanted to be,  
a beautiful Christmas tree.

He shared his branches with the birds, oh the stories he heard.

Of birds looking in windows, what did they see?

Lots of beautiful decorated Christmas trees.

The cedar tree waited for his wish to come true.

Maybe this year he felt it in his heart, he knew.

He wasn't too small

He wasn't too tall

He was just right.

One day a family came to the field looking for that special tree.

They cut him down.

He was so happy...not a frown.

He was placed in the living room there in a stand.

He stood tall.

This is all he ever wanted.

A star at the top, ornaments, tinsel and all.

Lights that blinked off and on.

Pop corn strands (how his friends the birds would have loved to see that!)

Special ornaments made by small hands.

Memories of Christmas long ago.

His joy was complete, happy was he.

His wish had come true.

He was a beautiful decorated Christmas tree!

December 2019 *Laura Fugate Devine*

May all your wishes come true

*Merry Christmas!*

A long time ago in Bethlehem town,  
a newborn baby, in a stable,  
would be found.

There was no room at the inn,  
so in the manger, there he lay,  
Baby Jesus asleep in the hay.

Shepherds in the fields watching their sheep  
heard the angels sing

*“Peace on Earth  
Glory to the Newborn King.”*

Wise men following a star,  
a beautiful star,  
which showed them the way,  
to where the baby would be found,  
Sleeping in the hay.

God gave us all a gift that day.  
He sent His son because He loved us,  
to show us the way.

So Merry Christmas from me to you.

Be with those you love.

Enjoy the season.

Remember the reason for this joyous season ***“Jesus”***

December 2019 Laura Fugate Devine

*In memory of all those who are spending Christmas in Heaven*



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Jane Gilbert 16  
 Harold Davis 20  
 Nick Lewis 22  
 Dick Howe 26  
 Natalie Berry Marshall 27



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Doug and Leslie Ferguson 26  
 Mike and Pat Rockas 28




**UPC just received \$7.96 from AmazonSmile.**  
 Don't forget when you do your holiday shopping on Amazon, go to AmazonSmile at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-0471571> to shop and Amazon will donate 5% of your purchase to UPC!

UPC now has **15** households signed up for the Kroger Rewards Program to benefit UPC. If you have not yet signed up your Kroger Plus card, go to [Kroger.com/community\\_rewards\\_program](http://Kroger.com/community_rewards_program).



Prayer List

**Members of the Congregation:** Vanna Prigmore; Nick Dedman; Harold Davis; Mattie Cammack; Margaret Knapp; Ruth Young.

**Family and friends of the Congregation:** Rev. Bryce McGowan; The family and friends of Bill Sims (brother-in-law of Butch Woodard); Alec Russell (Lee Russell's son); Bill Lively and friends quietly remembered and loved; all military personnel; and all those suffering the consequences of addiction.



## MERCER COUNTY BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are still collecting food and other items for the Mercer County Backpack program. This program supplies basic supplemental food items to children in need. Below are the items needed.

Applesauce – any flavor

Apples

Beanie Weenies

Beef Ravioli

Beef Stew\*

Breakfast Bars

Canned individual or mixed fruit

Cereal/any flavor (small boxes)

Chicken Noodle Soup

Cornbread mix

Cuties (small oranges)

Hamburger or Tuna Helper\*

Instant Oatmeal – any flavor

Jello Cups

Jelly – grape/strawberry in plastic jars

Macaroni and Cheese

Microwave Popcorn

Peanut Butter

Peanut Butter Crackers

Pizza Kits\*

Pop Tarts – any flavor

Pudding Cups – any flavor

Ramen Noodles (chicken flavor)

Saltine Crackers

Spaghetti and Meatballs

Spaghetti noodles

Spaghetti O's

Spaghetti Sauce (canned)

Tuna

Vienna Sausages

### Other needed items

Soap, shampoo, conditioner  
toothpaste, deodorant, laundry  
detergent, dishwashing liquid

\*These items are extremely useful for families to have for easy quick meals. Please send them in **plastic or cans only**.

# DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>  <b>Begin liturgy year 'A'</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Kate Riker Circle</b> <b>10:30am</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Les Jongleurs Choir group</b> <b>5:00pm</b> <b>Angel Tree gift deadline</b> <b>Stated Session Meeting</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal for Christmas music</b> <b>10:00am</b>
<b>15</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> <i>Communion</i> <b>Session annual reports due</b> <b>Open House at Ron and Jackie Corbit's 1-4pm</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Christmas Caroling</b> <b>3:00pm</b>
<b>22</b> <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Lessons and Carols</b>  <b>Christmas meal and Fellowship after worship</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>1st Sunday of Christmas</b>  <i>Hunger Offering</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b>				



Treasurer Pat Alexander

Custodian J. L. Devine

Secretary Jane Eitreim

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### SESSION

Jackie Corbit, Clerk of the Session

#### Class of 2019

Leona Berg

Tim Prigmore

#### Class of 2020

Marilyn Allen

Irene Mitchell

#### Class of 2021

Jackie Corbit

Pat Rockas

Elders serving on the Session, and of legal age, also serve as Trustees.

### 2019 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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