

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 11, 2022

Pastor:

Rev. Sharon Carter
865-385-5003

Choir Director:

Jie Fang Goh

Admin Assistant:

Stephanie Class

P.O. Box 121038
Covington, KY 41012
Office: 859-331-3238
communityoffaith@fuse.net
www.cofnky.org

Scriptures for Sunday, December 18

Isaiah 7:10–16
Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19
Romans 1:1–7
Matthew 1:18–25

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy
Ruth Roeber
The McDermott family
Johanna Willis
The Kleier family
Jean Jennings' family
Emilee Walden
Kelly Montana
Lynda Jaeger
Kittie Dupps
Ron Carlin
Ella Grace Marksberry

Worship Services

Join us for in person services at our new location at 710 Western Reserve Rd., Crescent Springs, KY. You can also worship with us online via Facebook Live, or by joining the conference call. Worship services begin at 11:15 am.

Christmas Worship Services

COF will not be meeting for worship on Sunday, Dec. 25. You're welcome to worship with Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church or join the Zoom worship that will be organized by the Synod.

January Session Meeting

The Session will meet on Thursday, Jan. 12.

Cornerstone Meals

We'll be preparing and serving meals for Cornerstone in January. We'll cook on Monday, Jan. 16 and serve at Cornerstone on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Advent Giving Opportunities

As they are every year, our Advent giving opportunities are important in the life of the church, and in the lives of those in need. These include the PCUSA Christmas Joy offering, Buckhorn, the Giving Tree, and Be Concerned. Your Mission team suggests that we concentrate our giving on these known causes and non-profit organizations, with which we have had strong ties for many years. We invite you to contribute to one, two, three, or all of these causes.

They are: the Christmas Joy offering (one of the 4 "special" annual offerings to the PCUSA); Buckhorn, the children's home with locations in Kentucky and Ohio (contact Bill Lindsay and/or Jack Kleier about gift cards needed, cash, or checks.); the Giving Tree, which provided gifts to disadvantaged children in the Ludlow community (contact Jean Jennings about gift needs); and BeConcerned, a food bank, serving Covington and Kenton County. We also hope that you won't forget Nicaragua, helping our mission partner, CEPAD, to provide continuing relief to rural communities, ravaged by the hurricanes, droughts, and Covid.

Donate by sending your checks, with the selected cause(s) on the memo line to the church at P.O. Box 121038, Covington, KY 41012-1038. Or, placing donations in the offering plate. You can also give online by Control-clicking on the "Give Now" button located on the main COF webpage or Facebook page. When donating online, choose the "Other" giving category, and indicate which of the cause(s) you've selected, or all of them, in a note.

Continued on next page.

Supporting the Work of the Presbytery and the Denomination with Per Capita

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all of us, as members of the nearly 10,000 congregations and mid councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate, and share in the work of the wider church. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the Presbytery, as well as the Synod and General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better ruling elders, teaching elders and deacons, and ministers. It is how Presbyterians are helped to discern God's call in their lives. It has supported our ministries at COF through grants to CLASP and for equipment purchases for our virtual church services. Please prayerfully consider donating the \$33 per capital apportionment set by the Presbytery, for each church member.