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IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Women's Christmas Party

The Women's Ministry will gather for a Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 6 pm.

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.

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, Synod and General Assembly. Please prayerfully consider donating the \$33 per capital apportionment for each church member.

MISSION AT WORK

BY JACK KLEIER

Love Thy Neighbor. What a strange way to start an article on mission. I was reading news articles the other night, and it got me to thinking. They were looking back over all of the natural disasters that have affected this world this year. Wildfires, hurricanes, tornados, floods, droughts, and more. The loss of life, (human and wildlife), the cost in terms of money, and the pain and suffering caused by these disasters is overwhelming. This is where the mission part comes in - as these events happened, I and many others, have written articles and asked people to give to The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund and other organizations to help rebuild the lives that have been impacted by these natural disasters.

Buckhorn, for instance, is still trying to recover from flooding. At this time of Thanksgiving, while many are eating big Turkey dinners, there are also many across our country that are facing bleak times, and many in the world are starving to death because inadequate food supplies due to droughts. Two questions are raised: what is causing this and what can we do about it?

There is an answer to these two questions, and it is the same: Love Thy Neighbor. Most of the disasters we face are becoming more and more severe each year. Climate change is causing the Earth to warm and to affect our lives in many ways that are not good. Most of the problem is due to us not being good stewards of what God gave us to care for. Some of it is due to greed and caring more for profits than human life. We can name all kinds of things to blame, but that doesn't solve the problem. The problem is that as far as we know, in God's huge universe, there is only one place that humans can exist, and that is here. The only way for us to care for our living abode is to care for each other, LOVE THY NEIGHBOR. If we don't, we all go down together.

Think about this. Love can solve our problems. Politicians that care about the people they serve can work together to help eliminate climate change. Corporations that value humans over profits can help solve world hunger. All of us can make a difference if we can learn to value live over things and not shoot people to protect property. If we could spend our time teaching, as Christ calls us to do, each other to love our neighbor, most of our problems would disappear.

In the meantime, during this Advent Season, let us show our love by supporting Buckhorn, Christmas Joy offering, Be Concerned, and the Children of Ludlow. We may not be able to solve all the problems we face, but we certainly can start by LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR. May Christ bless you during this Christmas Season and during the New Year. PEACE.

Advent Giving Opportunities

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 (children of Ludlow), 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 these causes by sending your checks, with the selected cause(s) on the memo line, or by placing donations in the offering plate. You can also give online through the COF website. 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.