

# Advent and Christmastide at First Presbyterian Church



#### Share "The Bread of Life"

Bring a loaf of bread each Sunday during Advent and place it in the basket provided as you enter the Sanctuary or Chapel. Children will bring the loaves forward during the 11:00 a.m. worship, and the Children's Ministry Team will deliver them to mission partners in our community. Contact Kelly Nicol for more information, 252-1919, knicol@fpclex.org.

#### Christmas with the Kentucky Bach Choir

#### Sunday, December 4, 7pm in the Sanctuary.

The concert will feature the first movement of J.S. Bach's BWV 1055

featuring their newly acquired oboe d'amore, Cantata for the First Sunday of Advent, BWV 36, and Second cantata of J. S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio, BWV 248.

The Choir will be joined by the 2016 Audrey Rooney Vocal Competition winner Emily Yocum Black, soprano.

Tickets available in advance from Marlon Hurst or at the door: \$25 – General Admission; \$20 – Age 65+; \$10 – students

### Advent Celebration

#### Sunday, December 4, 10am in the Assembly Room.

Come Celebrate the Season of Love, Peace, Joy & Hope. FPC's Children's Ministry Team invites all children & families to join us for our annual ADVENT CELEBRATION.



#### GleanKY -"100 Pumpkin Pies from 100 Pumpkins"

#### Friday, December 9, 9am - 4pm in the Kitchen and Assembly Room.

GleanKY, in partnership with Whole Foods Market and a team of community volunteers, will use the FPC Kitchen to process pumpkins to ensure 100 families receive a pumpkin pie to enjoy this Christmas. Shifts are two hours long, beginning at 9am. Come and join the fun!

#### A First Church Christmas

#### Sunday, December 18, 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

On Sunday afternoon, December 18 at 3 p.m., the Chancel Choir will be joined by children, youth and the congregation to celebrate the Christmas season with a concert of anthems and carols. The concert, which will last about one hour, will conclude with caroling in Gratz Park (weather permitting). If the weather is inclement, we will carol INSIDE the Sanctuary.

#### Post-Christmas Caroling Reception at the home of Clyde Carpenter

## Sunday, December 18, at the conclusion of Christmas caroling through Gratz Park 340 New Street, Gratz Park

Cost is \$25 per person to support ongoing Youth Missions. Tickets will be collected at the door. Contact the church office to purchase your ticket/spot to this event. Limited spots available!





#### Be an Angel!

The Angel Tree is assembled and decorated in the Assembly Room! This year we are collecting gifts for: Greenhouse 17 (formerly the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program); and our partner school in Haiti, Centre Educatif Union des Coeurs.

#### How does it work?

O Greenhouse I7 (formerly the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program): Select an angel (or angels) from the tree, buy the gift listed on the angel, and place the gift (with the angel attached) under the tree. If you choose to wrap the gift, please use gift bags (not gift wrap) so the Greenhouse I6 mothers may select the gift best suited for their child(ren). There are currently I7 children living in the shelter ranging from birth to I3 years of age. The many angels on the tree reflect the needs and interests of these wonderful children.

These gifts must be returned to the Angel Tree by Sunday, December 11.

Centre Educatif Union des Coeurs: These angels are for monetary donations to the school. Please make the check out to FPC and write Angel Tree-Haiti in the Memo Line. Return the angel with your donation. If you would like to make this donation in honor of a loved one through your gift to the school, honor cards are available through Kelly Abraham. These angels are to be returned to the tree by December 25.

Youth and their families will deliver the gifts to the recipients. Contact Kelly Abraham for more information, 252.1919, or kabraham@fpclex.org.

#### **Christmas Joy Offering**

**Sunday, December 18, during the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services.** Gifts to this offering will be distributed equally, through the Presbyterian Church (USA), to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, which provides critical assistance to current and former Presbyterian Church workers and families, and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges.

#### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service**

**Saturday, December 24 at 3:00 and 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** Brass and organ music begins fifteen minutes prior to worship, and will enhance our worship experience. Childcare will be available.

#### Sunday Service on December 25 and January 1

Worship will be at *I 1:00 a.m. only*, with communion by intinction. Fellowship Time will begin at 10:00 a.m. There will be no church school for adults or children.

The church office will be closed December 26, December 30 and January 2.

