

THE KIRK KONNECTION

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January 2022

Happy January, friends!

Recently I had the unexpected pleasure of stumbling onto a journal that I kept while doing an internship at Hebron Presbyterian Church in Shepherdsville, KY during my time at seminary. It's been amusing, embarrassing, surprising and enriching to read all of my commentary regarding this experience and I thought it might be fun and fruitful to share some of it with you. Here are parts of two separate entries in the journal:

*At the last minute George asked me if I also would like to do the Children's Sermon, and I readily agreed to do so. I decided to talk to the children about going to God in prayer when we are feeling "dirty" or not too great. I brought a bar of soap, a bottle of shampoo, and a toothbrush. I asked the kids what the items were used for, first individually and then as a group ("what do these items have in common?"). They told me that they are used to clean your body, and I confirmed that and said that they do, in fact, clean the **outside** of our bodies. But what, I asked, do we do when we must clean the **inside** of our bodies? I asked if they ever had felt "dirty," or "not so good" on the inside....perhaps after stealing their sibling's toy or telling a lie, and they said that they had. So we agreed that in those cases - when the cleaning items do not help - we can go to God in prayer and God can help to "clean" us on the inside, or to restore us.*

*I got to do a fun children's sermon this week. We talked about wants and needs, and I brought out several items such as boxed pasta, some water, and various toys and other things (George is always talking about how he needs to step up his game because I always have these great props for children's sermons, lol). I asked the kids what a "want" was and what a "need" was. They did a pretty good job at articulating what those things mean, but were surprised when I went so far as to say that even a bed is not something that we truly "need." In the end we established that actually we need very, very little. By the time the children's sermon was over we had concluded that if we focused less on what we **want**, God will help us out with all that we **need**. And then we will have plenty of time to help others with their needs.*

I had all kinds of thoughts and feelings when reading these entries; I thought about how much I missed doing children's sermons and how grateful I am for the experience I've had with so many children in church at Hebron and at the Kirk through experiences like these, baptism, etc. But I also considered the beauty of children's sermons that we encounter in their simplicity; so often we unnecessarily complicate messages that are simple. I used to always say, "Children's sermons are just as much – it not more so – for the rest of the congregation than they are for the children." After reading this journal I find that I believe that now more than ever. These two entries stuck out for me because I think they offer practical instruction for us that is so helpful in our currently turbulent world: first, we can seek out God to cleanse us of all the unrighteous filth that soap/shampoo/etc could never possibly clean, and second, it would do us immeasurable good to remember that even in the midst of all that we've navigated these past couple years we still *have all that we need*. We may not have all that we *want* – I know I don't – but on this day as I type these words to you I am filled with gratitude that I have all that I *need*.

I think that if we're being truthful, we would acknowledge that most of us have far, far more than what we "need." We are so accustomed to getting so much of what we want that we feel slighted or dejected when we do not get *all* we have come to expect to receive; we have been fortunate for so long that our perspective has become alarmingly distorted. This distortion affects our ability to see and feel the joy that God offers us every day, so I implore all of us to together work to remedy this flawed perspective. If we do not, the world will see that Christians place a higher premium on earthly luxuries than they do on spiritual salvation. And that would be a *true* tragedy.

So let's celebrate the fact that God will always be there to provide us with the spiritual showers we periodically require and that we have everything we *need*, let's rejoice in that and all of the *extra* blessings God so graciously throws our way (the "wants") and let's show the world that we really are exactly who we've always said we are. ☺

Pastor Mike

JANUARY

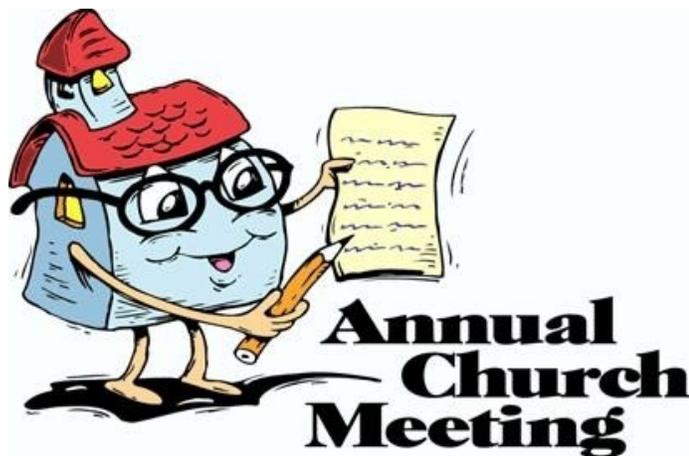


BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Joan Nystrom
- 3 Tom Roe
- 16 Pat Ross
- 22 Pastor Mike Beckman
- 27 Jim Troutman
- 28 Lorraine Scott



There is no financial report for the month ending December 31, 2021. There will be a financial report for Year 2021 included with the Annual Report at the Annual Congregational Meeting being held on February 6, 2022.



We will be having our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 6, 2022. in the Sanctuary immediately after worship. You may attend in person. You also have the option of attending and participating virtually through Zoom.

The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.

It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God's love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in this vision.

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:30am Worship	3 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting- Lounge	4	5	6	7 7:30-9pm Alanon - Lounge	8
9 10:30am Worship	10 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting- Lounge	11	12	13	14 6-8pm LTP Winter Wonderland Party 7:30-9pm Alanon - Lounge	15
16 10:30am Worship	17 LTP No School 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-	18	19	20	21 7:30-9pm Alanon - Lounge	22
23 10:30am Worship	24 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting- Lounge	25	26	27	28 7:30-9pm Alanon - Lounge	29
30 10:30am Worship	31 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting- Lounge					

February 2022

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		1	2	3	4 7:30-9pm Alanon - Lounge	5
6 10:30am Worship Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship	7 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting- Lounge	8	9	10	11 6-8pm LTP Valentine's Day PJ Party 7:30-9pm Alanon - Lounge	12



LOCAL MISSIONS

The Kirk of Our Savior Incidentals Fund for John Glenn High School is already supporting students by helping them to feel included and participate in the full school experience.

In December, the fund was utilized by 8 students to attend the Fall Play, by 5 students who needed to purchase supplies for classroom work, and by 1 student for a participation fee for cheerleading/tumbling. Students and staff are very grateful. Lynn Hayter, bookkeeper and secretary, said "What a difference it makes to see a student smile because they can do/attend an event and not worry about it."



As of 1-9-22, we are temporarily pausing group singing during worship. Until further notice, Sunday worship music will be limited to instrumental only or instrumental with a soloist.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Madeline Carpenter (2022), Chairman and Elder

Bonnie Hilberer (2022) Elder

Colleen Williamson (2022) Deacon

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

(2022) Deacon

Bill Partaka (2024) Deacon

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Peggy Flacks (2022) Deacon

MISSION/OUTREACH

Mieke Beckman (2023) Chairman and Elder

June Jennings (2023) Elder

Andrea Alicea (2022) Deacon

FOUNDATION

Rob Otte (2022) Chairman and Elder

Patrick Frobe (2023) Elder

CALLS AND CARDS TEAM

Lois Hanley (2023) Deacon

TREASURER: Fred Kirk

CLERK: June Jennings

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January 2022 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

[Year Two]

Saturday, January 1

Morning: Pss. 98; 149
Evening: Pss. 99; 8
Isa. 62:1–5, 10–12
Rev. 19:11–16
Matt. 1:18–25

Sunday, January 2

Second Sunday of Christmas

Morning: Pss. 48; 150
Evening: Pss. 9; 29
1 Kgs. 3:5–14
Col. 3:12–17
John 6:41–47

Monday, January 3

Morning: Pss. 111; 145
Evening: Pss. 107; 15
1 Kgs. 19:9–18
Eph. 4:17–32
John 6:15–27

Tuesday, January 4

Morning: Pss. 20; 146
Evening: Pss. 93; 97
Josh. 3:14–4:7
Eph. 5:1–20
John 9:1–12, 35–38

Wednesday, January 5

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 96; 110
Jonah 2:2–9
Eph. 6:10–20
John 11:17–27, 38–44

Thursday, January 6

Epiphany of the Lord

Morning: Pss. 72; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 100; 67
Isa. 49:1–7
Rev. 21:22–27
Matt. 12:14–21

Friday, January 7

Morning: Pss. 46 *or* 47; 148
Evening: Pss. 27; 93 *or* 114
Deut. 8:1–3
Col. 1:1–14
John 6:30–33, 48–51

Saturday, January 8

Morning: Pss. 46 *or* 47; 149
Evening: Pss. 27; 93 *or* 114
Exod. 17:1–7
Col. 1:15–23
John 7:37–52

Sunday, January 9

Baptism of the Lord

Morning: Pss. 104; 150
Evening: Ps. 29
Gen. 1:1–2:3
Eph. 1:3–14
John 1:29–34

Monday, January 10

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Gen. 2:4–9 (10–15) 16–25
Heb. 1:1–14
John 1:1–18

Tuesday, January 11

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Gen. 3:1–24
Heb. 2:1–10
John 1:19–28

Wednesday, January 12

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Gen. 4:1–16
Heb. 2:11–18
John 1:(29–34) 35–42

Thursday, January 13

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Gen. 4:17–26
Heb. 3:1–11
John 1:43–51

Friday, January 14

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Gen. 6:1–8
Heb. 3:12–19
John 2:1–12

Saturday, January 15

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Gen. 6:9–22
Heb. 4:1–13
John 2:13–22

Sunday, January 16

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Gen. 7:1–10, 17–23
Eph. 4:1–16
Mark 3:7–19

Monday, January 17

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Gen. 8:6–22
Heb. 4:14–5:6
John 2:23–3:15

Tuesday, January 18

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Gen. 9:1–17
Heb. 5:7–14
John 3:16–21

Wednesday, January 19

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Gen. 9:18–29
Heb. 6:1–12
John 3:22–36

Thursday, January 20

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Gen. 11:1–9
Heb. 6:13–20
John 4:1–15

Friday, January 21

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Gen. 11:27–12:8
Heb. 7:1–17
John 4:16–26

Saturday, January 22

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Gen. 12:9–13:1
Heb. 7:18–28
John 4:27–42

Sunday, January 23

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Gen. 13:2–18
Gal. 2:1–10
Mark 7:31–37

Monday, January 24

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Gen. 14:(1–7) 8–24
Heb. 8:1–13
John 4:43–54

Tuesday, January 25

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Gen. 15:1–11, 17–21
Heb. 9:1–14
John 5:1–18

Wednesday, January 26

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Gen. 16:1–14
Heb. 9:15–28
John 5:19–29

Thursday, January 27

Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Gen. 16:15–17:14
Heb. 10:1–10
John 5:30–47

Friday, January 28

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Gen. 17:15–27
Heb. 10:11–25
John 6:1–15

Saturday, January 29

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Gen. 18:1–16
Heb. 10:26–39
John 6:16–27

Sunday, January 30

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Gen. 18:16–33
Gal. 5:13–25
Mark 8:22–30

Monday, January 31

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Gen. 19:1–17 (18–23) 24–29
Heb. 11:1–12
John 6:27–40



December was a very busy and fulfilling month at Learn Through Play Preschool!

With the partnership we made with members of Kirk of Our Savior, we were able to meet the needs of eight deserving young people from the foster care community. A true Christmas blessing! Thank you to all who helped make this happen!

The students of Learn Through Play Preschool had a great time making a special "life size" snowman keepsake for their families. What a great Christmas gift that will be cherished for years to come!

Santa Claus made a special appearance at our milk and cookies family event to round out the month of December. We enjoyed decorating cookies, performing a few Christmas carols, and making Reindeer food to leave out on Christmas Eve.

Happy New Year to all and many blessings to all!

Ms. Tara

LEARN THROUGH PLAY PRESCHOOL

