



THE CIRCUIT RIDER

First United Methodist Church

338 Third Street, PO Box 492, Henderson, KY 42419

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The Anticipation of the Arrival
of the Gift of Christ
The Greatest Gift of All!

Memorial Christmas Angels

Be sure to stop by the Gathering Area to admire the beautiful display of Christmas Angels!



Check out the display of available Advent books in the Gathering Area!

BLESSING OF THE TOYS

Children (and children-at-heart) are invited to bring a toy with them to either or both worship services on Sunday, December 29, for a special time of blessing.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

5:00 p.m.
and
11:00 p.m.

THOUGHTS FROM
Pastor Janet

The Stillness of the Season

The Holy Season of Christmas has arrived. We are busy preparing for the events and activities, and special services which have occupied our calendars. And we tend to find ourselves re-arranging our homes and places of work, to fit this Christmas season with the various themes of the holiday. It is difficult to slow down in the process of the season. However, as we hear the story of the birth of Jesus, we are drawn to the “stillness” within our reading of God’s Word. One of my favorite verses from this story in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 2, is verse 19. Luke 2:19 reads, “But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.” I, too, think of Mary and her life, what she must have endured all that time prior to Jesus’ birth. And Joseph as well, as we think of the situation they both were facing, from their families, their friends, and their community. I would be certain to say, Mary and Joseph continued to search for the “stillness” within their own lives.

Christmas Eve Services create that atmosphere bringing the “stillness” of the season within us. At that particular time, the busy-ness of the season is fulfilled and quietness and peacefulness is among us. We are “still” and truly reside in the very presence of God, in His creation and in His glory. What a cherished moment, as we discover our need to remain there in that place. How often the “things” of life pull us from the “stillness” in which we seek and hope. I pray for each of us, especially in this Holy Season of Christmas, that we discover that place of quietness, peacefulness and stillness... and we pause, as we are filled with the very presence of God.



From our family, The Cardens:
 Tim, Janet, Troy, Andrea, Lydia and Levi

We wish you and your family
 a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful
 new year filled with unending blessings!

December 2024

Henderson First UMC Birthdays

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Carrie Eddmenson Stacy Whitmer	Connor Hammond Sandi Wallace	Jeanelle Luckett	Diane Lee	Bill Beasley		Brandi Jackson
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Bennie Mouser	John Luckett	James Crafton Katie Latham	Thomas Haynes Kate Hodge Carli Thomas	Anne Nash Collin Stocke		Abbie Walters
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Doris Burton Ron Weikel	John Logan II Craig Weikel		Bob Legate Kathy Reynolds	Charlotte Royer Sarah Skinner	Laura Trogdon	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Kyle Vincent	Larry Crick		James Hamilton Scott Jolly	Cory Duncan	Carolyn Nelson
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Charlye Jo Griggs Jamie Liles	Mary Beth Embry	Hannah Furlong Glenn Johnson John Logan V Gayle Osborne				

Stewardship Sunday at First UMC was November 24. Thank you for your generosity to those who have already submitted an Estimate of Giving for 2025. If you have not yet prepared your Estimate of Giving card, please prayerfully consider completing and submitting it soon. Blank cards are in the Sanctuary, Gathering Area and Church Office. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed during worship services or delivered by mail or by hand to the church office.

Matthew 6:33

**SEEK YE
FIRST
THE KINGDOM OF GOD**



"She Loves to Eat Out"

All Women Are Invited!

**Cracker Barrel Restaurant
Thursday, December 12
12 PM**

**Bring a wrapped gift (under \$5)
for a gift exchange!**

**Please RSVP by December 9
Susan Latham (270-826-1191)
or Joyce Lutz (270-577-5300)**



Join Us For New Beginnings

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

DECEMBER 4

12:00 PM

*Bring an appetizer to share
and an item with a sentimental story
for show-and-tell*



'Tis the Season

Saturday, December 7

Immediately Following the Henderson Christmas Parade

The community is invited to come for lunch and free giveaways!

Donations of new or used children's books, stuffed animals, and Christmas decorations may be brought to the church. Volunteers are needed in several areas and should plan to arrive at First UMC that morning at 10:00.

Contact Cathy Motter for more information.



Kentucky
United Methodist
Children's Homes

Our church has always been very generous to the KY United Methodist Children's Homes. It is time to help, once again. Your loving Christmas gifts will enable the children to feel the joy of Christmas.

We are asked to donate gift cards for any of the following stores: Walmart, Target, Amazon, Marshalls, and Kohl's. If you prefer to give a check, please make it to "KY UM Children's Homes." You can drop your donation in the offering plate, give at the church office, or to Jane Shipley by Sunday, December 15.



The Salvation Army Angel Tree program helps provide new clothing and toys to local needy children each year. Please visit our Angel Tree in the sanctuary and select one or more children for whom to provide Christmas cheer. Unwrapped, tagged gifts are due at First UMC by December 8.

Worship Service Volunteers

December 1, 10:00 AM Service

Greeters: John & Charlotte Boyle, Rick & Cathy Motter
Announcements: Brenda Sasse
Offertory: Ray Nix

December 8, 8:30 AM Service

Greeters: Howard & Pam Moran
Announcements: Donna Stinnett
Affirmation of Faith: Kevin Hein
Offertory: Ray Nix
Scripture: Stacy Powell

December 8, 10:45 AM Service

Greeters: Bill & Judy Burton, LaNeave Hall
Announcements: Nikolai Peek
Scripture: Rev. Leslie McKown

December 15, 8:30 AM Service

Greeters: Howard & Pam Moran
Announcements: Donna Stinnett
Affirmation of Faith: Jenna Engesath
Offertory: Ray Nix
Scripture: Becky Summers

December 15, 10:45 AM Service

Greeters: Rita Stagg, Tommy & Debbie Dempewolf
Announcements: Nikolai Peek
Affirmation of Faith: Dennis Nelson
Scripture: John Lockett

December 22, 8:30 AM Service

Greeters: Howard & Pam Moran
Announcements: Donna Stinnett
Affirmation of Faith: Ann Crafton
Offertory: Ray Nix
Scripture: Lee Obenchain

December 22, 10:45 AM Service

Greeters: Karen Hill, Frank & Lisa Tulipana
Announcements: Cathy Motter
Affirmation of Faith: Bowman Duncan
Scripture: Meg Burnley

December 29, 8:30 AM Service

Greeters: Kenny & Linda Floyd
Announcements: Donna Stinnett
Affirmation of Faith: Mike Duffy
Offertory: Ray Nix
Scripture: Allah Simmons

December 29, 10:45 AM Service

Greeters: Ben & Meg Burnley
Announcements: Sandi Wallace
Scripture: John Logan

Read the Entire Bible in a Year!

- Dec 1: 1 Cor 9-11
- Dec 2: 1 Cor 12-14
- Dec 3: 1 Cor 15-16
- Dec 4: 2 Cor 1-4
- Dec 5: 2 Cor 5-9
- Dec 6: 2 Cor 10-13
- Dec 7: Gal 1-3
- Dec 8: Gal 4-6
- Dec 9: Eph 1-3
- Dec 10: Eph 4-6
- Dec 11: Philippians 1-4
- Dec 12: Colossians 1-4
- Dec 13: 1 Thess 1-5
- Dec 14: 2 Thess 1-3
- Dec 15: 1 Timothy 1-6
- Dec 16: 2 Timothy 1-4
- Dec 17: Titus-Philemon
- Dec 18: Heb 1-6
- Dec 19: Heb 7-10
- Dec 20: Heb 11-13
- Dec 21: James 1-5
- Dec 22: 1 Peter 1-5
- Dec 23: 2 Peter 1-3
- Dec 24: 1 John 1-5
- Dec 25: 2 John-Jude
- Dec 26: Rev 1-3
- Dec 27: Rev 4-8
- Dec 28: Rev 9-12
- Dec 29: Rev 13-16
- Dec 30: Rev 17-19
- Dec 31: Rev 20-22

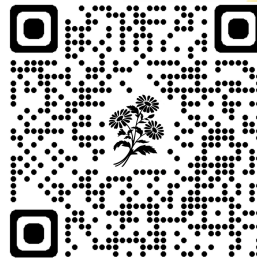
Sign Up to Provide

Altar Flowers

Contact the Church Office

or

Scan Code to Complete
the Online Form



Worship With Us!

First Sunday of Each Month at 10:00 A.M.
All Other Sundays at 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.
(Nursery Care is available for children up to age 4)



Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
(The office may close each day for a 30 minute lunch break)
Friday: 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Articles for The Circuit Rider

All articles for the January issue
should be submitted to the church office
by Monday, December 23.

Church Staff

Rev. Janet Carden, *Pastor*

EJ Simmons, *Worship Leader,*

Director of Outreach, Young Adult & Youth Ministries

Nikolai Peek, *Director of Choral Ministries, Organist*

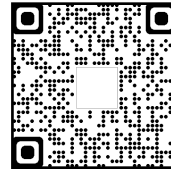
Mary Fuller, *Financial Secretary*

Beth Hayes, *Administrative & Executive Assistant*

Willie Starks, *Custodian*

Gifts to First UMC

may be mailed to the church, given in person
during worship services or church office
hours, or given online by scanning
the QR code below.



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