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Action at Asbury



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Pastor's Pondering



Ready or not, the New Year is upon us!

2023 – What might it bring?

For many of us, the ringing in of a New Year marks the possibility of new beginnings, new opportunities, and fresh starts. For some of us, it's an opportunity to hit our "reset" button. For others, it's a time of refocusing on the important aspects of our lives and our families. For yet others, it's a time to bury the burdens of the past and look forward to better tomorrows.

The people of God found themselves in exile during the days of the prophet, Jeremiah. It was a dark time, a time of great uncertainty about their future. That is when God spoke to them through the prophet saying, "I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29: 11) Aren't those words precious? Our God is always there with a plan that includes hope!

Hope for the future is at the very heart of God's promises, as are God's mercy, forgiveness, love, and grace. A fresh start is what is placed before us every time we turn to God with repentant hearts. Forgiveness and second chances are what Jesus Christ is all about. He's about providing a place – his Cross – to which we may go to release that which troubles us, that which holds us back from being the person God calls us to be. Jesus Christ offers all of this to us as God's wonderful gift of love.

This new life – our resurrection life – is what we gather to celebrate each Sunday morning.

As I reflect upon my ministry with each of you, I feel compelled to assure everyone that in Jesus Christ there is always hope, always love, and always another chance. That is the message of our God. Jesus Christ has been sent to be our Redeemer – that is, the One who has set us free from our sins! Our new life is lived within the blessings of God's grace.

Yes, the New Year is upon us! A chance to start again with a clean slate – all because God has plans for us, and God's plan includes hope for the future! Great blessings await us! Let's begin 2023 by embracing these blessings and walking in the way of Jesus Christ!

See you Sunday,

Pastor Will





January Worship Schedule and Themes

January 1 Epiphany Sunday 10am Worship with Holy Communion New Member Reception

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12 & Isaiah 60: 1-6

Sermon: "The Search for the Savior"

The Wise Men came from faraway lands with foreign customs and unfamiliar ways as they searched for the Christ Child. Jesus welcomes all people to himself and will provide all we need for abundant life. He is the greatest gift to us. What gifts might we bring to our Savior King?

January 8 Baptism of the Lord 10am Worship

Scripture: Matthew 3: 13-17 & Acts 10: 34-43

Sermon: "A Dove from Above"

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus by John. Many have wondered why Jesus felt the need to be baptized. Even John wondered this and was reluctant to perform this rite of passage. We will explore the significance of Jesus' baptism as he begins his public ministry.

January 15 Second Sunday after Epiphany 10am Worship

Scripture: John 1: 29-42 & 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Sermon: "Finding Him and Following Him"

Our Gospel and Epistle readings today introduce us to people who have identified the Lord Jesus and then made the decision to follow him as a disciple. When we are united with our Lord, our lives change. How might we be changed when we follow Jesus?

January 22 Third Sunday after Epiphany 10am Worship

Scripture: Matthew 4: 12-23 & 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Sermon: "Come, Follow Me"

Jesus begins his ministry by building a team. He gathers ordinary men and women to accompany him in his mission, all the time teaching them as they served. We will explore how God is calling us and how important it is to be united in our ministerial work.

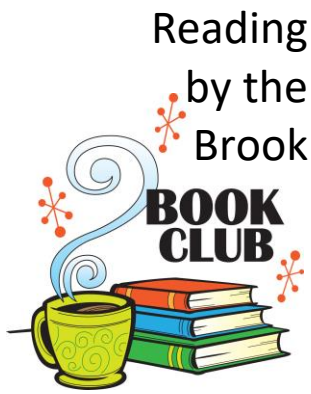
January 29 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10am Worship Praise Band Sunday

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 & Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon: "The Cross and the Power of God"

The Apostle Paul speaks of the "message of the cross" and how that message fills the believer with the power of God. How does one harness this power for the building of the kingdom of God? What does the power of God call us to do as we serve? We will explore our possibilities in ministry.





Asbury Book Group will start the new year with the reading of *The Hate U Give* by author Angie Thomas.

Readers that are interested are welcome to join us for a book discussion at Asbury on Tuesday January 17th at 6:30 pm. For more information contact Kathy Dahlke at (608-295-7623)

Memory Café 2023

January 25 – Opposite Day & Would You Rather

February 22 – George Washington's Birthday & Ageless Grace

March 22 – Women's History Month

April 26 – National Volunteer Month (project)

May 24 – National Scavenger Hunt Day (Hunt & Ageless Grace)

June 21 – (June 27th) National Bingo Day – Bingo with prizes

July 26 – National Ice Cream Month – Ice Cream Social

August 23 – (August 18th) National Relaxation Day – have Tracy present

September 27 – National Hispanic Heritage Month – (speaker?)

October 25 – Italy – Pizza month (make pizzas?)

November 22 – Card Making & Holiday Games

December 27 – Year End Wrap Up & Beautiful Questions

**Activities may change if something comes up.





Ministry Name: Red Bird Mission

Ministry Location: Red Bird Mission, Inc. 70 Queendale Center, Beverly, KY 40913-9607

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Start Date: 1921 Since 1921 Red Bird Mission, situated in the heart of Appalachia's Cumberland Mountains, has been devoted to loving God and effectively serving Jesus Christ by loving people. Today, the need remains critical in this isolated area. The story of Red Bird is one of deep faith in God. Red Bird Mission was born in answer to prayer. It is a story of gracious outpouring of prayer and means by the church. The community outreach ministries to the elderly and families of our community have grown to be a significant part of the overall ministries since the 1990's. Emphasis on encouraging family food production led to the establishment of a farmers' market in 2010 and a commercial food kitchen in 2017. A permanent pavilion for the farmers market was constructed in 2015 as part of a project to provide a potable water-dispensing kiosk for area residents without a clean drinking water source. The clothing and thrift shop ministries increased in scope after moving into the enlarged facilities on Queendale Center in 2000-2001. The craft marketing program has grown in recent years through in-church craft fairs as well as consignment and online sales. The Work Camp program that enlisted volunteers to maintain mission facilities decades ago now involves approximately 2500 participants annually and expanded its purpose to include community home repair and improvement in 1984. The first new home was built in 2016 in the community by volunteers.

Ministry Purpose: Red Bird Mission, a non-profit agency located in the Appalachian Mountains of Southeastern Kentucky, empowers individuals and advocates justice by providing educational, health, and community outreach ministries to area low-income residents.

Ministry Mission Statement: Individual volunteers are an important part of the ministry of Red Bird Mission. They render services and fill job positions that otherwise would not be filled. Some of the areas in which volunteers give their talents are listed below. Positions are filled based on the skills and interests of the applicants, and the current needs of the Mission. Education, Health and Wellness, Community Housing Improvement, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Office.

Ministry Needs: Length of Service: Volunteers come to serve for varying lengths of time. The minimum length of service is generally one week. Some volunteers have served at Red Bird Mission for several years. The length of service and abilities of the volunteer will determine the responsibility given for programs and tasks. Persons invited for periods of six months or longer are considered long-term volunteers.

Housing: Housing accommodations are provided based on family size, length of stay and housing availability. Basic furnishings include furniture and bed linens. When a kitchen is provided, utensils, pots, pans and dishes will be provided also. The various types of volunteer housing are Volunteers' Quarters: Private bedroom, basic furnishings, shared kitchen & bath. Campground – Motor home/Trailer pads (most with full hook-ups).



We are overwhelmed with your generosity and give thanks for your huge monetary support as well as your gifts given to our December Ministry supporting **Parker High School BIG GIVE PROGRAM** and our Lincoln, Jackson, Harrison, & Van Buren elementary schools **MITTEN, SCARVES, AND HATS TREE**.



Parker Big Give

Thank you



The total was an amazing \$970.00 plus many gift cards!



Our hat and mitten tree this year!
Our mitten, scarf, and hat
donations go to Lincoln, Jackson,
Harrison, & Van Buren elementary



LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP NEEDS APPRECIATED

Lincoln School needs Kid's tennis shoes
Sizes: 2,3,4.
They also need new socks and underwear.
Any help would be greatly appreciated.



JANUARY

Birthdays

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- 1 Carol Logue
 - 2 Jeffrey Quaerna
 - 4 Jerriann Burns
 - 5 Alec Osborne
 - 6 Terry Penniston
 - 9 Mike Wilkerson
 - 12 Sue Bent
 - 12 Russ Kuykendall
 - 13 Mark Wheaton

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- 14 Lois McKinney
 - 15 Donna Havens
 - 17 Chelsea Phillips
 - 18 Eudoris Peterson
 - 19 Bobbie Gray-Turnbow
 - 21 Bobi Abraham
 - 29 Russ Dahlke
 - 30 John Quisenberry



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

17 Darlene & Richard Coulthard



Continuing Care List

Darlene and Richard Coulthard, LaVita Fanta, Robert Geisler, Carol and Don Isbell, Diana Jewson, Shirley Nelson, Hjordis Olson, Lucille Osborne, Virginia Scarborough, Ione Watson.

Travel through the year with Activities in 2022

Crop Walk



EGG- STRAVAGANZA



Stitching Group

A table full of laughter, stitching, and great friends.

Harvest Dinner

Great food, warm bellies, and lots of conversation.





Faith In Stitches

I stitch, you stitch, we all stitch with love.
Every 1st & 3rd Thursday.

Cookies

You bring the dough, and we all
make cookies!!!



Caroling to Diana on December 18th
Sunday Service.

Asbury 2 Go trip to Fireside to see
White Christmas on December 8th.

If interested in Asbury 2 Go trips
please reach out to Pat Spors.



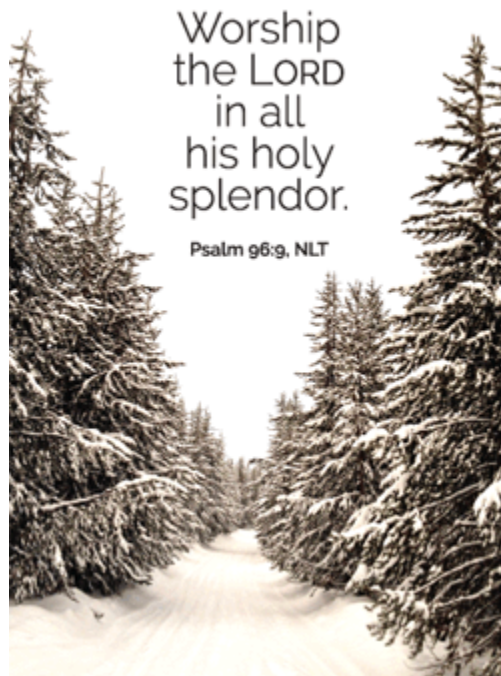
JANUARY

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Worship Service & Communion @ 10 AM Happy New Year!	2 RTC @ 5:30 PM	3	4 STITCHING GROUP 9-10:30 AM Bible Study @ 5:30 PM	5 FAITH IN STITCHES 2:30-6 PM	6	7
8 Worship Service @ 10 AM	9	10	11 STITCHING GROUP 9-10:30 AM Church Planning Meeting @ 1PM Bible Study @ 5:30 PM	12	13	14 Jazz Band Practice @ 9 AM Praise Band Practice @ 10 AM
15 Worship Service @ 10 AM	16	17 MENS BREAKFAST @ EAGLE INN @ 8:30 AM	18 WOMEN'S COVENANT @ EAGLE INN @ 8 AM STITCHING GROUP 9-10:30 AM Bible Study @ 5:30 PM	19 FAITH IN STITCHES 2:30-6 PM	20	21
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