

# ECHOES



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## *Staff Thank You!*

*"It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart."*

— Author Unknown

Each of us would like to thank you for our staff Christmas gift. Your generosity was overwhelming and you thinking of us is appreciated!

- Dalene, Kathryn, Joanna, Kathy,  
Linda, Ron, and Morgan



## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, January 14 @ 1:00 pm  
Community Forum  
East Second Street Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
146 Constitution Street, Lexington

Sunday, January 15 @ 6:00 pm  
27<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Worship Service  
Central Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
20 East Short Street, Lexington

## **H.U.G.S. Offering**

During the month of January, we will be collecting our **H.U.G.S.** (**H**ats, **U**nderwear, **G**loves and **S**ocks) offering. This year, some of these items will be provided to the Office of Homelessness and Homeless Prevention. This office was established three years ago by Mayor Gray to combat homelessness in Lexington. Items will be passed out during the night of January 25 when people go out to count the homeless in Lexington. Any remaining items will be provided to the HOPE Center. Any monetary gifts will be used to purchase these items. Please bring your items to church between now and Sunday, January 22.

- Bruce Lawrence

## WEEKLY PRAYER IN ACTION IN FRANKFORT

The Kentucky Council of Churches is hosting Prayer in Action Days at the State Capitol each Tuesday during the General Assembly to pray for government officials and act on behalf of Kentucky's most vulnerable citizens. The gatherings are a continuation of the Interfaith Day of Action held in September of 2016. A number of Disciples clergy, including Dalene, attended.

The 2017 gatherings will include prayer, education on issues, and a call to action, hoping to "engage religious leaders and their congregants in direction justice advocacy." (*KY Council of Churches.*)

Prayer in Action Days are inspired by Moral Mondays in North Carolina, where religious leaders created significant change in policies that oppressed the poor and people of color. In 2016, the Council of Churches partnered with Repairs of the Breach, a national organization led by Moral Monday leader Rev. Dr. William Barber. Interim Director of the Kentucky Council of Churches, Rev. Peggy Hinds stated, "These events inspired more progressive faith leaders to speak out against racism, xenophobia, and unjust social policies. We want to continue that momentum in 2017."

Beginning January 10, each Prayer in Action event will focus on a different social issue like minimum wage, justice reform, healthcare, and gun violence. The Kentucky Council of Churches chooses the issues based on policy statements approved by all 11 of the Council's denominational members. The membership includes Protestant and Roman Catholic congregations. The Council works with other state advocacy groups and coalitions on these issues, and many of them have committed to support the Prayer in Action Days.

If you are interested in learning more about the Prayer in Action Days, being a part of a congregational discussion and/or joining fellow Christians in Frankfort one or more Tuesdays, contact Dalene.

All Prayer in Action events are interfaith and open to the public and media. For more information, contact the Kentucky Council of Churches at [www.kycouncilofchurches.org](http://www.kycouncilofchurches.org).

The kick-off event was January 3. Subsequent gatherings will begin at 9:30 a.m.:

- Jan. 10 Workers' Rights/Fair Wage
- Jan. 17 Responsible Lending
- Jan. 24 Voting Rights
- Jan 31 Tax Reform
- Feb. 7 Justice Reform/Restorative Justice
- Feb. 14 Gun Violence
- Feb. 21 Healthcare/Disabilities
- Feb. 28 Death Penalty
- Mar. 7 Environment/Energy
- Mar. 14 Immigrants/Refugees

- Dalene Vasbinder

reminder

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ WOODLAND**  
**6:15 PM**  
**DINNER, SHARING PRAYER**  
**CONCERNS, ENDING AT 7:30 PM**  
**R.S.V.P. BY 1:00 PM TUESDAYS BY**  
**CALLING 266-3416 OR VIA E-MAIL TO**  
[office@woodlandchristianlex.org](mailto:office@woodlandchristianlex.org)



## NOTE FROM DALENE

Happy New Year to all!

On New Year's Day, a part of my sermon focused on the journey of the magi. Is there anything from their journey that may guide us as we journey into this New Year? I listed a few attributes surely present as they set out: curiosity, courage, perseverance, moral strength, believing in oneself. As we begin this New Year, I am keeping this list not only for myself personally, but also for us as church.

In this New Year, may we as church:

-have *curiosity/wonder/awe* to explore our faith at a deeper level and to engage each other on a more personal level, i.e., to get to know each other's stories.

-have the *courage* to ask hard questions of ourselves as a congregation; where God is calling us in THIS time and in THIS place

-have the *perseverance* to keep on keeping on even if at times the financial picture may not be quite what we want or the volunteerism is falling on too few or the paint is chipping yet again in the

sanctuary, still may, we hold on to the belief that God is with us and will never let us go.

-have the *moral strength* (and does this dovetail with courage?) to continue to profess a faith in a God who loves all people; that “all means all” and all are welcome, no ifs, ands, or buts.

-*believe in ourselves!* May we believe that Woodland Christian Church has a purpose in not only the lives of those of us in the congregation, but a purpose in our community as well.

May Christ continue to guide us, comfort us, and challenge us in our days ahead!

Peace,



## WORSHIP NOTES

### January 8

Baptism of Our Lord

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17

### January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8

### January 22

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-23 call of the disciples

### January 29

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12, the beatitudes

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!

Believe it or not, the season of Lent is just around the corner (begins March 1)! I would love to sit down with a team of people to plan theme and how to carry that theme out in visual art, music, written word, drama. No prior experience necessary! If you are interested, please let me know soon. First meeting will be toward the end of January. – Dalene



**FOR ALL AGES AT WOODLAND!**

**Join us each Sunday morning at 9:45 am for fellowship, study, discussion, of our faith!**

**Worship follows at 10:45 am in the Sanctuary**

Nursery attendants will be available beginning at 9:30 am. The nursery is located on the third floor.

**Elementary-High School:**

### **“FAITH FINDERS” THEME: Lessons from A Joyful Path**

<https://progressivechristianity.org/childrens-curriculum/>

#### **Teachers:**

**Jan. 8:** Rev. Kathryn Perry & Beth Siesel

**Jan. 15:** Rev. Kathryn Perry & Janice James

**Jan. 22:** June Salyer & TBD

**Jan. 29:** Intergenerational Sunday

#### **Adult:**

**Hayes Farish Class** uses the study material “The Present Word.” Through the exploration of biblical text, adult study groups are invited into a deepened relationship with God. “The Present Word” engages participants in an experiential style of learning – connecting faith and life. Discussion and activities encourage participants to live out their faith in their individual and congregational activities. All are welcome!

**Seekers Class** uses a variety of study material, rotating every 4-6 weeks with lively discussion.

#### **January 8 – Baptism Sunday**

Share our stories of baptism. What does baptism mean to you? What is the meaning of baptism in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)?

#### **January 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. emphasis**

Let’s talk about race and racism. How far have we come? What does it mean for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to be an ‘anti-racist/pro-reconciling’ church? How are we living that out?

#### **January 22 – TBD**

**January 29 – Intergenerational Sunday. Theme TBD**



**YOUTH & CHILDREN  
SCHEDULE**

**Jan 15:** Youth gathering for  
MLK Service  
**Jan. 29:** JYF after worship

**YOUTH EVENT FOR MARTIN  
LUTHER KING SERVICE**

**When:**

Sunday, January 15, 2017  
2:00 pm Registration - 5:45 pm (depart for “Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Worship Service,” or return home)

**Where:**

W.T. Young Campus Center at Transylvania University, Corner of North Broadway and Fourth Street, Lexington (Entrance on Fourth Street is a left turn into the circular drop-off driveway. Parking is suggested at Central Christian Church, 205 East Short Street, Lexington, for those attending the “Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Worship Service” event.)

**What:**

Archie Bunker’s Neighborhood . . . or The Game of Life (not many youths are familiar with Archie Bunker!)

**Why:**

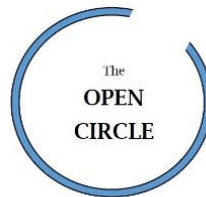
A lesson teaching discrimination in as many forms as we can possibly get across is a valuable lesson for everyone!

**Cost:**

FREE!!! Pizza and Bottled Water will be available for all participants at the end of our game. Snacks and Soft Drinks are available for purchase from vending machines at the Campus Center.

-Rev. Kathryn Perry

**NOTE TO PARENTS**  
The 2017 Camp schedule is on the regional website ([www.ccinky.org](http://www.ccinky.org)) and on Woodland’s bulletin boards.



There is Always Room at Our Table

It is our time for a break. We will not meet in January or February, but will be back together in March. For our annual Christmas gift to HOPE Center for Women, we supplied feminine sanitary products for the women who live there. The total cost was \$300. Wheelers Pharmacy ordered and supplied the products at cost for us. We appreciate their support. See you in the spring!

-Jackie Diachun



*JOY Group’s last trip of 2016 was to one of their favorite places to eat - The Lexington Diner in Lexington on Wednesday, December 14. From left to right: Gerry Hann, Allen Williams, Jackie Diachun, Del Osborne, Dalene Vasbinder, Stacy Kaufmann, Dorothy Drury, June Salyer, Margaret Ryle, and David Dattilo.*

We have had a great year in 2016 with day trips to Natural Bridge, Shaker Village, Stanford for lunch at the Bluebird Café, and Reed Valley Orchard. We have also had some great lunches in town.

Now on to 2017. Our meeting to plan for the year will be Wednesday, January 11 at noon in the Committee Room at Woodland. Of course, we will have lunch. It will be ordered from High on Coffee & Art at a cost of \$6.50 per person. Orders should be placed by Sunday, January 8. Come help select and plan for our outings for this year. As always, it will be JOYful.

-Jackie Diachun



## GREEN CHALICE

### More 'Bench for Caps' News

Woodland's Creation Care team will be joining the ABC Promise Partnership program that collects plastic lids and caps that will be turned into a bench for placement somewhere in or outside of the church.

**ORIGIN:** ABC was designed for school-age children by a team of six eighth graders in 2010 as their entry in a nationwide academic competition in community problem-solving topic: recycling.

**PURPOSE:** This "partnership" between children and Green Tree Plastics is to be a tool for teaching children about caring for the earth.

**OWNERSHIP:** The bench is to belong to the children and be placed where they want it to be placed in order that they may show others the results of their work and the value of recycling.

### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS . . .

- The children are the primary workers in the collecting from Woodland's recycling bin, sorting, and tallying the weight.
- Members of the Creation Care team will act as "mentors" along with each group's teacher. They will supervise the sorting to ensure that only acceptable lids and caps are collected.
- Groups involved may include the Faith Finders Sunday school, Worship & Wonder, and Village Montessori. There may even be an inter-generational Sunday set aside where all ages will be involved in the sorting.

**THE GOAL:** To purchase a 4-foot heavy-duty, plastic bench, 200 pounds of lids and caps will be needed. That's about five fifty-gallon trash bags full of lids and caps.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:** Ask friends and neighbors to collect lids and caps (info sheets on ACCEPTABLE lids/caps are at the church on the Green Chalice bulletin board near the elevator). Please keep them handy as reminders. Bring full bags or boxes to church and leave near the Recycle Bin near the elevator to be picked up by a child from one of the groups.

Many thanks to Wes Bullock and Eamonn Fitzgerald for their help with the Fair-Trade sale in December. They are the newest members of Woodland's Creation Care team.

- June Salyer



*Come and join us the first Sunday of each month to celebrate Birthdays with cupcakes and song!*

Joanna Manring, 1/2  
Beth Siesel, 1/3  
Gerry Hann, 1/5  
Michelle Armstrong, 1/6  
Kirk Chiles, 1/8  
Garrett Blake, 1/8  
Marty Bryant, 1/11  
Paul Ladd, 1/13  
Susan Hatch, 1/16  
Henning Egner, 1/17  
Patrick Armstrong, 1/20  
Annaliese Taylor, 1/20  
Dan Barnes, 1/22  
Chris Blake, 1/24  
Bernice Coleman, 1/24  
Evelyn Ladd, 1/29  
Hattie Reeves, 1/31

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Thank you

To My Woodland Family & Friends,  
"So nice to have the lovely white rose bouquet for sympathy in the loss of my sister. It was such a sad time of year to lose her. It is helpful to have love and support at such a time. Thanks also for the cards and prayers."

God Bless!  
Joyce Witt

### **OFFICE CLOSING**

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday morning, January 17 at 8:30 am.



If Fayette County Public Schools are closed, events (*may not include church office hours*) at Woodland are cancelled for the same day.

If weather is bad enough on a Sunday morning to not have a service, check Facebook or call the church office at 859-266-3416 for a message. Also check WLEX-18 for church closings.

### **SUPPLIES NEEDED!**

The Community Relations Board at the Federal Prison in Lexington is requesting donations of yarn, fabric, batting, fiberfil, elastic, thread, needles, quilting supplies and any sewing notions. Inmates volunteer their time to create usable items such as clothing, toys, nursing home needs, and many other desperately needed "gifts". Recycled plastic

grocery bags are cleverly woven into sleeping mats for the homeless.

In the past year, over 30,000 gifts were delivered to those in need through charitable agencies in Lexington. This program benefits all who are involved. Please consider us when you clean out your cupboards and remember the good you can do with what you have. Monetary donations are appreciated to pay for necessities like sewing machine repair and to supplement donated materials. For more information, visit [crblex.org](http://crblex.org).

For questions or to arrange a donation, please call Sally Leukefeld at [859-263-8707](tel:859-263-8707).